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Deputy CIA director meets Arafat in Gaza

Jerusalem Post Staff

PALESTINIAN Authority leader Yasser Arafat has met with a delegation of senior CIA officials in Gaza, in what was thought to be an unprecedented push for collaboration against Hamas terrorists, Palestinian sources said.

The hour-long, secretive meeting yesterday with the CIA, at which Palestinian security leaders also were present, was held at Arafat's vacation home in Beit Hanoun near the Erez checkpoint.

However, officials close to Arafat refused to confirm or deny the meetings. "No comment," said Nabil Abu Rudeineh, a senior Arafat adviser.

The CIA told Arafat he had to arrest five key Izzadin Kassam figures believed to be behind the recent wave of suicide bomb attacks, the sources said.

The American delegation was headed by deputy CIA director George Tenet, according to the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

They said Arafat presented the group with a list of security requests such as equipment, specially trained dogs, funds and expertise to discover explosives, as well as training in counterterrorism for the Palestinian police.

The *New York Times* reported yesterday that the Americans were expected to press the Palestinians for information on Hamas, and to share technical expertise and data the CIA obtained from satellite photos and electronic eavesdropping.

"There has to be very good intelligence gathered by and shared with the Israeli authorities and the Palestinian authorities," Philip Wilcox Jr., the State Department's coordinator for counterterrorism, told the *Times*. "A great deal is being done, but this is an area where you can do more."

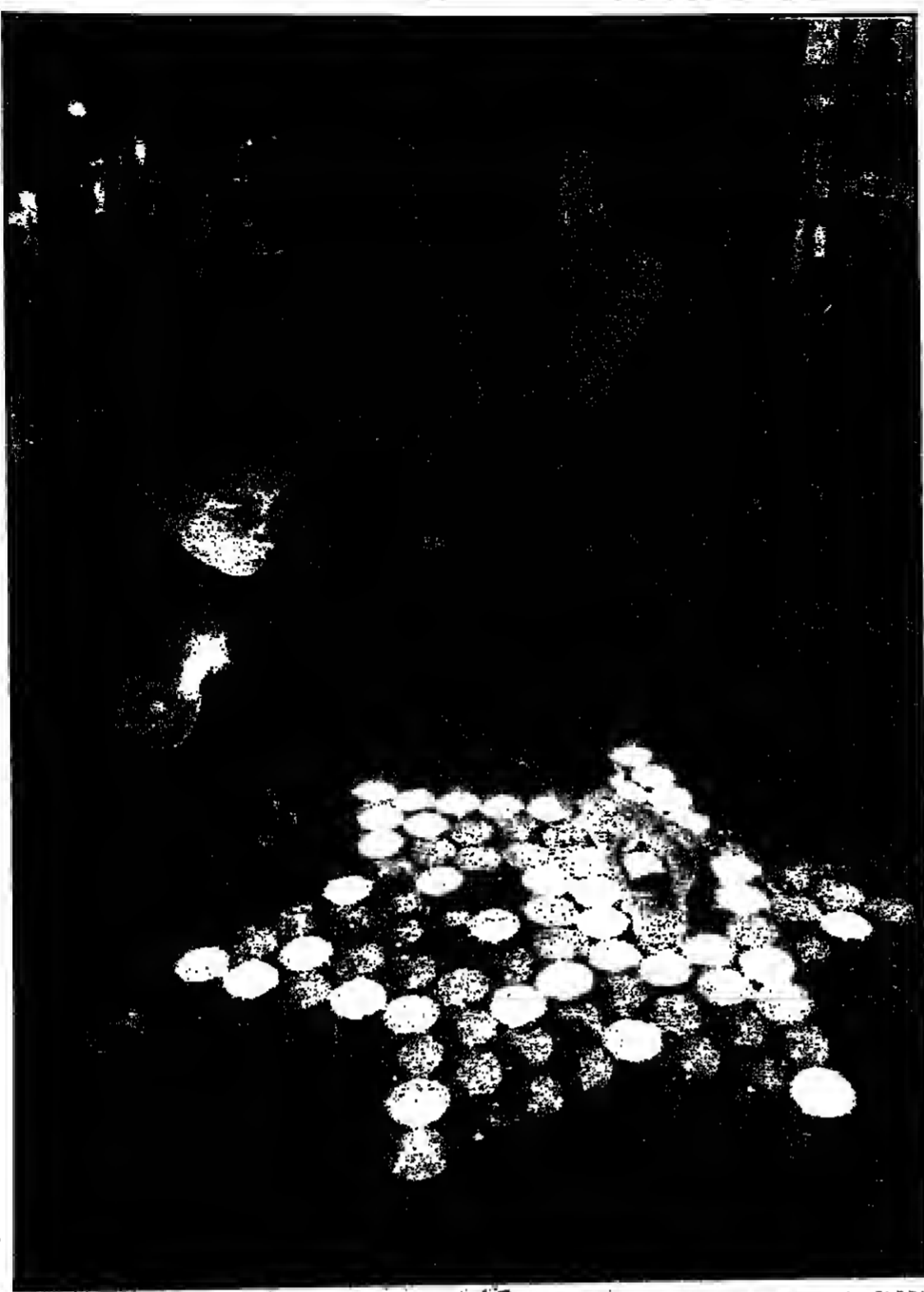
US officials were expected to press the Palestinian Authority, Jordan and Saudi Arabia to redouble efforts to block financial and political support for Hamas, and to redouble their efforts to isolate Iran, which is widely thought to offer funds to terrorists.

The US also wants Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia to crack down on Hamas leaders and supporters in their states. But one American official told the *Times*, "Jordan says it's better to keep an eye on them than to force them underground, and Israel has tacitly approved."

19th victim of bus No. 18 bombing dies

THE 19th victim of last Sunday's bombing of the No. 18 bus in Jerusalem died last night at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem. Iamar Ambrose, 51, of Romania, died of lung and head injuries, after a week in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Ambrose had been riding the bus to work with seven of his co-workers from Romania when it was bombed. Six of the 19 victims of the blast were Romanian. *Itm*



Ronit Lorch, 15, lights a candle last night in Jerusalem at a Peace Now-sponsored vigil, attended by thousands, for the victims of last Sunday's bus attack in the capital. A number of demonstrations in support of Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the peace process were also held in Tel Aviv over the weekend. (Reuters)

Report: Arafat replaces Rajoub

Hamas leaflet: We'll resume attacks against Israel

AS the squeeze on Hamas tightens, reports yesterday claimed Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat has replaced Col. Jibril Rajoub as head of the West Bank Preventive Security Service.

Arafat's office refused to confirm the reports while Rajoub denied them.

Meanwhile, the PLO Executive Committee met last night in Gaza to discuss the new approach to Hamas.

Arrests continued over the weekend, as Gaza police said they arrested dozens of Hamas activists, bringing the total to more than 500. Among them are several leaders, including spokesman Dr. Mahmood Zahar; Hamas co-founder Mohammed Shama; Imam Ahmed Baher; pharmacist Ibrahim Yazuri; and youth activist Muhsein Abu Eita. They all had been arrested for short periods before.

The PA's decision to arrest them comes after the appearance of more than 10 leaflets signed by Hamas, Izzadin Kassam, or both, some calling for an end to armed activity, others denouncing the previous flyers and calling for continued violence.

Nabil Abu Rudeineh, Arafat's



Hussein al-Sheikh. (Khaled Zhiqary)

spokesman, denied that the PA had forged or sponsored those calling for an end to armed attacks.

"They show there are now many Hamas groups," he said. "They are divided and speaking in different voices. We are going to ban all the armed groups."

He accused outside sources of continuing the call for violence.

In another leaflet circulated in Gaza yesterday and signed by Hamas, the group threatened to

renew attacks against Israel. "The leadership of the Kassam brigades decided to resume the martyrdom attacks against the Zionists," the leaflet said.

The latest Hamas leaflet condemned the upcoming peace summit, calling it "an international conspiracy against the struggle of the people and an attempt to save the Zionists from defeat."

The Hamas leaflet warned that a crackdown by Arafat's police would "completely destroy any understanding or future agreement" between Hamas and the PLO.

An anonymous caller yesterday to Israel Radio identified the Dizengoff homer as Omar Syiam from Gaza's Sabra neighborhood.

The reports about Rajoub came from Hussein Sheikh, head of the civil police in Ramallah.

"Arafat informed him this morning that he is now functioning head of the Preventive Security Service," his brother, Hassan, said.

Brig-Gen. Ghazi Jahali, head of the Palestinian Police in Gaza, confirmed that Sheikh is replacing Rajoub, but Gaza Preventive Security Service said it was not.

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US pressing Assad to attend summit

25-30 world leaders to converge on Sinai

DAVID MAKOVSKY and HILLEL KUTTLER

POLITICAL leaders from 25 to 30 countries are expected to convene at Sharm e-Sheikh on Wednesday in a conference dedicated to fighting terrorism. The Clinton administration is urging Syrian President Hafez Assad to attend or send a representative.

The Syrian leader has yet to respond to the invitation, but Syria yesterday called on the co-sponsors of the Middle East peace process to reconvene the Madrid peace conference as soon as possible.

Invitations to Wednesday's conference, dubbed the "Summit of the Peacemakers," were issued on Friday by the parley's co-hosts, President Bill Clinton and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak.

Among those expected to attend are: Russian President Boris Yeltsin, Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Palestinian Authority leader Yasser Arafat, Jordan's King Hussein, Morocco's King Hassan, Tunisian President Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali, Qatari Emir Sheikh Mohammed Khalifa, Oman's Qabus bin Said, British Prime Minister John Major, French President Jacques Chirac, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien, Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez and Turkish President Suleyman Demirel. UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali is also expected to attend.

There are reports that some countries will send foreign ministers instead of heads of government, since they are not completely comfortable with the presence of the prime minister of Israel. Those countries are Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

Invitations were extended to all Middle East heads of government, "with the exception of the rogue states: Iran, Iraq, Libya," a senior Clinton administration official said.

Lebanon announced last night that it would not attend the conference.

After the five-hour summit, Clinton will come to Israel for an overnight visit as a gesture of solidarity. He is expected to make an address and to visit the grave of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin before returning to the US on Thursday. Officials in the Prime Minister's Office said last night that the US and Israel are working on an anti-terrorism agreement.

The summit has three goals: supporting Israel during its present crisis; supporting the peace process; and discussing how to cooperatively "choke off support" for Hamas, State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said. The conference is expected to provide an international imprimatur for Arafat, who is being pressed to crack down on Hamas.

An official in the Prime Minister's Office said last night that "we expect the conference will have operational conclusions, not just declarative ones."

Speaking on Channel 1 last night, Foreign Ministry Director-General Uri Savir said the conference is very significant as it will

demonstrate "unprecedented support" for Israel in its fight against terrorism and for peace.

But Mubarak, speaking to reporters yesterday in Cairo, said the conference would not be dedicated to fighting terrorism per se. "Terrorism is not the issue here. We're talking about an international conference to support the peace process, and based on this we must meet or the peace process will collapse."

"The leaders of the world should come and try to find out [how] we could push the peace process and remove all obstacles and condemn terrorism. We're going to meet hoping to reach a solution and come out with a resolution to help the process," Mubarak said.

Damascus's participation "would strengthen the international effort to isolate Hamas and to condemn Hamas for its brutal tactics," Burns told reporters.

Burns said Secretary of State Warren Christopher had told Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Shara that the Sharm e-Sheikh conference was an important event, and "you ought to be there, your participation is important."

Shara responded yesterday with his call for the reconvening of the Madrid conference. In a message to Christopher and Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, delivered by Shara to the US and Russian ambassadors in Damascus, the Syrian foreign minister said, "It is clear today that the peace process, due to the accumulation of obstacles and

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Terror conference - results or PR?

COMMENT
DAVID MAKOVSKY

A DAZZLING array of leaders will convene in Sharm e-Sheikh on Wednesday to denounce terrorism as an impediment to Middle East peace, but the question remains whether the parley will produce genuine results or whether it will be little more than an exercise in public relations.

This question is exacerbated by concerns that one of the key functions of the parley is to give Prime Minister Shimon Peres a boost in advance of the May election.

Regardless, the conference will be significant as the international community lends its imprimatur to Yasser Arafat to fight Hamas terrorism.

More important, however, are operational decisions in the war against terrorism that are to be made at the parley, an official in the Prime Minister's Office said last night.

The conference must therefore address what would seem to be the three crucial components in fighting terrorism:

- Cutting off the money supply that is the oxygen for terrorists
- Ensuring an ongoing mechanism for coordination and exchanging information primarily in the Middle East between intelligence agencies in the fight against terrorism. This should involve regular meetings of Arab and Israeli officials involved in this issue, in order to send out an unmistakable

message that Israel is integrated in the region and all must join together for the purposes of stability and peace.

● Ensuring that the religious leadership in each Middle East country issues fatwas (religious edicts) on how terrorism against Israelis runs counter to Islam. There is a need for a public climate in the Arab world that says killing Israelis is morally wrong period, and is not just bad because it slows down peace and undermines Palestinian aspirations.

Yet beyond these decisions, perhaps it is not too much to hope that every leader make his own personal pledge, and speak publicly on the operational measures that will be taken.

Thus Arafat should give a progress report on his reform efforts, and disavow senseless dialogue with a Hamas bent on killing Israelis; the Saudi delegate should pledge that his country will clamp down on Islamic groups in Jeddah which send money to Hamas; and Jordan should announce that it is closing the Hamas office in Amman.

The battle against terrorism involves many concrete actions from a variety of countries. In contrast, platitudes in Sharm e-Sheikh would be counterproductive if the parley only serves to save the consciences of its participants who then return home to business as usual while bombs keep going off in Israel.

IDF demolishes suicide bomber's house, continues arrests

WITH the Gaza Strip under naval blockade and the West Bank under virtual siege, the IDF tightened the noose around Islamic militants over the weekend.

"If we could strangle terrorists, I would strangle them," said IDF Chief of Staff Lt-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

On Friday, the IDF demolished the house of Raed Shagnoubi, the Hamas suicide bomber

responsible in last Sunday's bombing on Jerusalem's No. 18 bus. It chose to dynamite the two-story cement house in the village of Barka near Nabhus instead of destroying it with a bulldozer.

The effect is bound to echo throughout the territories and signal that the IDF is getting tough not only on Hamas activists, but on their supporters and families as well.

"It is clear that while we are preventing terrorists - who don't carry signs or wear uniforms but merge in among the thousands - from getting into Israel, those who [need to] come to make a

living to feed their families suffer," Shahak told Israel Radio. "But that is the price the Palestinian people must pay for terrorists coming from among them."

Arrests continued over the weekend with soldiers rounding up some 50 Hamas activists in the isolated village of Anza, near Jenin. All males were ordered into a schoolyard where those with suspected links to Hamas were taken in for interrogation.

Desperate to root out Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, the IDF is coteriving villages, like Aozza, which it has avoided since the waning days of the intifada.

Israeli undercover squads also went into action and arrested five Islamic militants, the head of the unit said. We "have been carrying out ambushes at different spots" along the Green Line and deep inside the West Bank, the commander, who was identified only as "G," said on Israel Radio.

In Gaza, the navy has imposed a total blockade, for the first time since Palestinian autonomy began, to prevent suspected Islamic militants from fleeing by sea and to stop the smuggling of materiel into the coastal strip, the army said.

Most fishermen stayed ashore

and those who did venture out were fired upon by the navy, Reuters reported.

In Burka Friday, before the IDF blew up the home of Shagnoubi, neighbors were moved out of their homes and gathered on a hillside to witness the dynamiting.

After the blast, villagers shouted "Allahu Akbar," and youths pelted troops with stones. But the soldiers quickly dispersed them and reimposed the curfew that has been in effect since Tuesday.

Villagers told AP that the house was not even owned by Shagnoubi's family, and that they had fled earlier.

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Congress 'frustrated' at PA's record on terror

MEMBERS Of Congress remain unconvinced that Palestinian Authority president Yasser Arafat is acting forcefully enough against terrorism, but are not yet prepared to hold up US assistance to the Palestinians.

That view was echoed by participants at a Blair House meeting Wednesday night between Congressional leadership and Jewish members of both houses with Secretary of State Warren Christopher, CIA director John Deutch and peace process coordinator Dennis Ross.

"There was lots of frustration at that meeting, directed, frankly, against Arafat and the PA," New York congressman Eliot Engel, who attended the meeting, said in an interview.

"The feeling [was] the ball is in Arafat's court and he's got to now put up or shut up, he's got to now produce, he's got to show that he is serious about curtailing terrorism," Engel said. "We're not going to let him talk out of both

sides of his mouth anymore.

"I think that that was the consensus in the room amongst members of the Senate and the House. I think there was no real disagreement about the frustration, the anger, the anguish, the feeling that Arafat's got to show something now. I don't think the administration disagreed with that. They understand this is his time of reckoning."

Asked whether Congress was prepared to threaten a cut-off of US aid to the Palestinians, Engel, a member of the international relations committee, said he did not think "the linkage is quite there yet. But it is clearly in the mix. It is clearly a possibility."

But a resolution introduced in the House Thursday by committee chairman Benjamin Gilman states that the failures of Arafat and the PA "undermine and threaten the peace process as well as contin-

HILLEL KUTTNER
WASHINGTON

ued US financial assistance."

The PA has been "ineffective and unsuccessful in completely rooting out" terrorists from the autonomous areas, "calling into question their commitment to the peace process," states the non-binding resolution, which is to be taken up on the House floor this week.

The House resolution and its Senate counterpart were crafted with significant input from the administration, with the goal being to produce a version that would become a "joint resolution" with the signature of President Clinton.

In a closed briefing Thursday for Gilman's committee, Ross said that in a telephone conversation with Arafat last week, the PA head called Hamas operatives "not just criminals, they're traitors."

Ross told the group that Arafat

had reached the conclusion that his carrot-and-stick policy with Hamas had failed.

Senate intelligence committee chairman Arlen Specter, who did not attend the meeting with Christopher, said in an interview that the US must "put a lot more pressure on Arafat."

Specter said "there may be some reevaluation" of the Palestinian aid program, currently at about \$100 million annually, "in light of what's happened" on Israel's streets last week.

Meanwhile, a letter sent on Thursday to Christopher by New York congressmen Engel and Charles Schumer and Florida's Peter Deutsch charged that the administration's compliance report, submitted to Congress a week ago, "does not hold the PLO to the strict standard the PLO itself committed to."

They urged the administration to press Arafat to launch "a total and comprehensive Palestinian drive" against terrorism.

' Hamas political wing wants end to violence'

Jerusalem Post Staff

also was alleged to have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for Hamas, including funds for arms, and to have overseen the recruitment of terrorists.

Abn Marzook told the Times that he had agreed to an interview to call for an end of violence by both Israel and the Palestinians.

Efforts by Israel, the Palestinian Authority and others to crush Hamas would backfire, Abu Marzook said, adding that a dialogue similar to that between Britain and the Irish Republican Army might be the only way to end the violence.

Abu Marzook said there was a similarity between his position and Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political branch. Adams, who has been received by the White House, is seen as a negotiating partner.

The difference between them, Abu Marzook said, is that Adams "is blue-eyed and Catholic. I am not blue-eyed and I

am a Muslim."

In the Times interview in a central prison in Manhattan, Abu Marzook disputed Israeli and American assertions that Hamas gets vital support and funds from Iran and Syria or that it is under some kind of foreign control.

"Hamas' only structure is inside Palestine," he said. "There is no organization outside."

The US has been pressing Jordan, Syria and Saudi Arabia to stop any support of Hamas and to rein in Hamas officials living in those states.

Last week, a captured Hamas militant, Mohammed Abu Wards, said the recent terror attacks were intended to destroy the peace process by helping the Likud defeat the Labor Party in the coming elections.

Abn Marzook rejected that statement as coerced and unreliable. "We can't tie our future, you see, with Labor party or Likud party or who wins the elections," he told the Times.

'Suicide bombers carried explosives in duffel bags'

BILL HUTMAN

THE four recent suicide bombers were all carrying the explosives in army-style duffel bags, each containing two anti-tank mines set off by a battery-operated detonator, police bomb squad experts revealed on Friday.

The mines - Italian-made Shahi mines containing seven kilograms of TNT - were apparently smuggled into the Gaza Strip from mine fields in the Sinai, according to the experts, who included Dep.-Cmdr. Arik, the police bomb squad head whose full name is forbidden from publication.

The bombs were made even more lethal by the addition of five kilograms of nails or metal balls plus four liters of petrol into the duffel bags. Police said similar bombs were used in nearly all of the suicide attacks over the past two years.

Arik also noted that the vests for carrying explosives which Palestinian police say they found in their search for Hamas terrorists may say something about plans for future attacks. However, carrying the explosives in a duffel bag has been the preferred method to date. The Hadera bombing is the only one in which police believe the suicide bomber carried the explosives on his body in a vest.

Sarid: I prevented unity government

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

ENVIRONMENT Minister Yossi Sarid said yesterday that he had helped prevent Prime Minister Shimon Peres from forming a national unity government, in which Likud MK Ariel Sharon would have likely become minister for internal security.

"We were a hairbreadth from a national unity government, and from getting Sharon as internal security minister," Sarid said.

Sharon's demand for the defense portfolio in such a government was rejected, said Sarid, but the suggestion to appoint him internal security minister was being considered.

Sarid said that Peres had been

under intense pressure from within the cabinet and without to form a national unity government with the Likud "and it was my unequivocal position which helped our partners in Labor, in a very painful and agitated moment to get out of that situation and to return to themselves."

Sarid said Meretz is opposed to a national unity government, "because you can't win a war without a joint definition of the enemy. For us, the enemy is the Hamas and Jihad terrorism, while for Sharon the enemy is the Palestinian Authority, the PLO and Fatah, in fact, the whole Arab Palestinian nation."

ARAFAT

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curity Service deputy Rashid Shabac denied it.

Arafat's spokesman Rudeineh did not deny the report, but said, "I have no comment at this moment. I think that is self-explanatory."

It is not the first time that Rajoub has been reportedly fired or suspended from his job and a replacement identified.

If Rajoub was replaced, the most likely reason is dissatisfaction with his performance against Hamas. He has always believed it is possible to reach accommodation with Hamas, and has been

viewed as more interested in seeking out and punishing collaborators with Israel.

Rajoub has two younger brothers who are members of Hamas. They live in Dnra, Rajoub's hometown, which is three kilometers from Fawar refugee camp, home of the two suicide bombers who perpetrated the attacks in Jerusalem and Ashkelon.

Sheikh was an intifada organizer, but was never expelled for his activities and is much less close to Hamas.

He organized joint Israeli-Palestinian peace conferences in Ramallah after the 1991 conference in Madrid.



German Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel visits one of the wounded in last week's Dizengoff Center bomb attack at Ichilov Hospital on Friday, together with Foreign Minister Ehad Barak. (Elisavir Yitzchak/Scoop 86)

French FM calls for fight against terror

Jerusalem Post Staff

THE battle against terror requires close cooperation among the international community, French Foreign Minister Hervé de Charette said in Tel Aviv on Friday.

De Charette, who plans to attend the international conference on terrorism this week in Sharm e-Sheikh, also announced that France will send a team of terrorism experts to Israel, in response to a request for assistance from Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

recent wave of terror attacks.

Meanwhile, Italian Foreign Minister Susanna Agnelli announced yesterday that the European Union will send a top-level delegation to Iran, Libya and Syria to tell the governments they must condemn terrorism.

"They will try to impress upon them the idea that it is impossible that they can go on not condemning these terroristic attacks," Agnelli told a news conference at an informal meeting of EU foreign ministers in Palermo.

He added that "the peace process is in jeopardy" due to the

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Sarah Honig contributed to this report.

Likud, Tsomet, Geshet continue to hammer out an agreement

SARAH HONIG

LIKUD representatives will confer this morning with their Tsomet counterparts in order to assure them that Likud has no intention of subordinating their interests to those of Geshet.

The talks with David Levy's Geshet party will resume today in an effort to finalize the agreement on fielding a three-headed ticket.

However, Likud Chairman Benjamin Netanyahu has already let it be known that he has no intention of giving in to what he sees as excessive demands on Levy's part regarding Levy's own personal status.

Netanyahu assured Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan over the weekend that his position will not be taken for granted, and will not be compromised because of Levy's demands. Tsomet's Doron Shmueli had warned on Friday that Tsomet will back out of its deal with the Likud if Levy is given primacy over Eitan.

Both of the Likud's new partners want to be recognized as Netanyahu's No. 2.

Levy also wanted a guarantee that Netanyahu will be the sole acting premier; that the clause allowing the prime minister to fire any of his ministers will not be employed against him; and that in addition he be given a senior portfolio and head a top ministerial committee.

Netanyahu is reportedly opposed to that, particularly because it directly injures Eitan's status.

Eitan argues that he had voluntarily ceded the second slot on the joint list to Levy but, though his name will appear in the third slot on the Knesset list, he wants recognition as Netanyahu's de facto second-in-command.

Eitan notes that his party has a proven track record and won eight Knesset seats in 1992, while Levy's is an untried party with very poor prospects.

Netanyahu is reported to agree with this assessment. His improved position in the polls also allows him to play a tougher bargaining game with Levy, on whom Netanyahu grows less dependent as his prospects improve.

The Levy side, which had wanted to sign a deal on Friday, tried to minimize the disagreements throughout the weekend. Levy dismissed them as "mere technicalities. Nothing more."

Attempts may be made today to stage a meeting with representatives of the Likud, Tsomet and Geshet all taking part.

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The Israel Police requests the help of the public in its efforts to find a missing person, Rivka Kahali Stomp, who disappeared after leaving her home in Ma'alot Dafna, Jerusalem on August 2, 1995.

Description: 34 years old, height 165 cm., build medium, hair chestnut colored, short and curly, eyes brown, may be wearing a head scarf or hat. Speaks Hebrew, German, English and Yiddish.

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Said Suleimani, 45, from Kafr Manshiya Zabda, near Nahalal, is the Israeli Arab suspected of transporting the Dizengoff Center bomber to Tel Aviv...

Three killed in road accidents
Three people were killed and four injured in road accidents over the weekend. Natan Daziknav, 33, and Vadim Mishayav, 23, were killed and two other passengers were injured when their car crashed into a cement barrier at the entrance to Beersheba early yesterday morning...

Dead Sea hotels to be linked to Water Carrier
Mekorot is starting work on a NIS 11 million project to connect hotels in the Dead Sea area to the National Water Carrier. Officials said groundwork would start in the next few days. The project involves laying a new 20-km-long pipeline from Dimona, where the water carrier reaches, to the Dead Sea hotels. The work is expected to be completed within a year.

Turkish president to visit
With economic and water deals on top of the agenda, Turkish President Suleyman Demirel is to arrive here tomorrow for the highest-level visit by a Turkish official to Israel. Demirel's three-day trip was initially scheduled for November but was postponed after Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated. Demirel said his visit offered the chance for a "turning point" in Turkish-Israeli relations. But Turkey, a predominately Moslem nation, has always maintained a good rapport with Israel.

Tourists not leaving the country
Tourism Minister Uzi Baram is expected to deliver good news about the current state of tourism in Israel despite the recent bomb attacks, in an address at the annual ITB international tourism fair to be held in Berlin this week. Despite initial fears and reports of cancellations, tourists have not made a mass exodus and cancellations have been minimal, ministry spokesperson Michal Marmar said. "The [political] situation in Israel right now is not so good, but that has not caused the tourists to leave or people to cancel their trips," Marmar said. "If you go around the streets you see tour buses filled with tourists."

Police investigate Nazareth assault
A resident of Nazareth was allegedly beaten up by a pub owner and a doorman at a pub in the so-called "Alcohol Valley" region of Haifa's seaside suburbs district in the early hours of yesterday morning. Police said it appeared the man had been refused admittance to the pub, and fighting broke out when he insisted on being allowed to enter. He was taken to the nearby Zvulun police station, where he collapsed and had to be transferred to Haifa's Rambam Hospital for treatment. Police detained the owner and the doorman for questioning.

Yisrael Tal, Gasher Theater win Allon Prize
Prime Minister Shimon Peres will present the Yigal Allon Prize to Maj. Gen. (res.) Yisrael Tal and to the Gasher Theater at the Tel Aviv Museum tonight at 6:00. Tal, who served in the Hagana, was cited for being an exemplary soldier and an example to others. The judges said the Gasher Theater, consisting largely of new immigrants from Russia, has become an invaluable and integral part of Israeli culture since its founding in 1991.

Collaborators to gov't: Don't abandon us
Palestinians who assisted Israel in obtaining intelligence information met yesterday in Beit She'an and called on the government not to abandon them. Likud MK David Mena, who heads the Knesset lobby for "collaborators," said that he had received dozens of requests asking the government to insist that PA President Yasser Arafat honor his commitment in the Cairo agreement not to harm them. The meeting was held in a hall in Beit She'an after a hotel owner in Nahariya withdrew his consent to allow it to be held there.

Family suffers carbon dioxide inhalation
A bereft family of seven from Safed was hospitalized Friday night for carbon dioxide inhalation, after the family had left its gas stove lit and the apartment filled with gas. They are currently at Haifa's Rambam Hospital in serious condition. The director-general of the hospital in Safed called on the Kiryat Meor Hayim rabbin, Agudat Yisrael and Shas to run an information campaign on the dangers of leaving a gas or kerosene stove lit all night without proper ventilation.

Ministers to launch committee on traffic
Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar, Minister Yossi Beilin, and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid are to ask the government today to approve the appointment of a committee to examine ways of easing traffic congestion in the country. The recommendations of the committee, which will include representatives from several ministries as well as the Technion, are expected within three months.

Taiwan shrugs off new Chinese naval war games

BEIJING (Reuters) - China's new plans for war games in the seas between the mainland and Taiwan has been shrugged off by a defiant Taipei. In a game of brinkmanship with rising stakes, China stepped up the heat yesterday by announcing live-firing military exercises to complement current missile tests near vital Taiwanese ports. The missile tests have been widely denounced as an attempt to intimidate Taiwanese into giving up any independence moves. "From March 12 to 20, 1996, the Chinese People's Liberation Army will conduct naval and air force exercises with live ammunition," the official Xinhua news agency said. But Taiwan President Lee Teng-hui said China's war games would not hinder presidential elections on March 23. "I want to emphasize that force and threats will not obstruct our pursuit of democracy, freedom and dignity," President Lee said in a televised address. The exercises cover a large rectangle reaching about half way across the southern end of the strait separating the island of Taiwan from the mainland. China called on all governments to notify shipping and aircraft to keep out of the war games area which, at its closest point, is just 55 km (33 miles) from the Taiwan-held Pescadore islands. The drills are China's fourth round of military action off Taiwan since Beijing flew into a fury after Lee made a landmark private visit to the United States last June, which coincided with March 8-15 Chinese missile tests even nearer to Taiwan, which Beijing regards as a renegade province. The exercises, which add muscle to Beijing's pincer-like pressure on trade-dependent Taiwan, end just three days before Taiwan's 21 million people go to the polls in their first direct presidential elections.

The sabre-rattling has been widely criticized in Taiwan and abroad as an attempt to influence the outcome of the polls, which are expected to return Lee - the chief target of China's wrath - to power. "The aim of China's exercises is to interfere with the elections and to reduce the votes of the (incumbent) president," Lee said. He repeated his previous call for the leaders of China and Taiwan to talk. Beijing has rebuffed those calls, derided the election as a ploy to further Taiwan's independence drive and subjected Lee to a withering barrage of insults and propaganda that began after the Taiwanese leader visited the United States. "Lee's actions will bring grave disaster to the 21 million Taiwan compatriots, something we do not wish to happen," said a rare joint editorial by the Communist Party's People's Daily and the military's mouthpiece, the People's Liberation Army Daily. China's President and Communist Party chief warned that Beijing's pressure on the island "will not stop for a single day" until Lee abandons his drive to boost Taiwan's international standing. China says it will not abandon the ultimate threat of force to recover the island that split from the mainland after the Nationalist defeat at the end of China's civil war in 1949. China's army on Friday fired three unarmed ballistic missiles into two sea areas, one 20 nautical miles off the northeastern port of Keelung and the other 30 nautical miles off southwestern Keelung port, Taiwan's Defense Ministry said. International criticism of the Chinese sabre-rattling has been swift and sharp, with the United States branding the tests as "provocative and reckless" and other countries warning they threatened Asian stability.



Russian soldiers patrol the outskirts of Grozny. 'Down with occupants' is written on the nearby concrete wall.

Bomb rattles Londoners

ANTI-terrorist police yesterday sifted through debris for clues after an explosion in a west London trashcan, but there was still no indication of who was responsible. There was no advance warning of the blast, no claim of responsibility and no obvious target. Scotland Yard would say only that the explosion came from a "small, improvised explosive device" that had been placed in a rolling garbage container, a tactic used previously by the outlawed IRA. It caused no injuries but blew out a few windows in cars and nearby buildings. It left a small crater in the concrete wall of a cemetery. One neighbor, Don Simon, 54, said the sound of the explosion was muffled by his double-glazing but he knew immediately what was going on after being caught up in an IRA bombing in central London 20 years earlier. Although damage was minimal, the blast added to tensions already heightened by a renewed IRA bombing campaign intended to end British rule of Northern Ireland.

Fighting continues in Grozny

GROZNY (Reuters) - Sporadic tank, mortar and sniper fire rocked the devastated Chechen capital yesterday as darkness fell on the city where Russian troops have been unable to oust separatist rebels for four days. The sky was blackened by a huge cloud of smoke pouring out of an oil dump burning in a southwestern district, the streets were virtually empty and the few people out on the streets ducked for cover hearing a sniper shot or a tank shell explode. Some explosions shook buildings and shattered glass in the centre of the city, already ruined by fierce Russian air and artillery attacks more than a year ago. The central market of Grozny, once the biggest in the Caucasus, was empty. Only one woman was selling flour. But the shops were relatively well stocked and had mineral water - in high demand after four days of no running water. Most of the few pedestrians were carrying buckets of water. One group of women walked under a white flag in an attempt to ward off fire as they carried the body of a friend killed by a sniper yesterday morning.

A Russian commander said Friday that Russian troops controlled Grozny but a spokesman for the Chechen-backed administration said yesterday an unknown number of rebels were still holding strategic points. Russian troops said they were flushing out rebel snipers and one column of armoured personnel carriers drew up outside a building and appeared to throw grenades as they went in. A burst of gunfire broke out close by as I crossed the road with cameraman Igor Sharalov. Clinic number nine was filled with badly injured people, including civilians and children. Russian Interior Minister Anatoly Kulikov met pro-Moscow Chechen officials and military commanders at Severny airport on the outskirts of Grozny. Interfax news agency quoted Kulikov as demanding from local officials to "install order in the city". Rebel fighters of separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev infiltrated the city on Wednesday, humiliating the Kremlin and

President Boris Yeltsin, who is seeking re-election in June. "Dudayev has succeeded in demonstrating his force," commented Russia's independent NTV television. "The city, fully encircled by Russian checkpoints with fire positions at virtually every crossroad, has been fully paralysed." At least 70 interior ministry soldiers have been reported killed and 160 wounded, but reports are contradictory and there has been no word of rebel or civilian casualties. In the room of the clinic number nine lay a three-year old boy with shrapnel wounds. His younger sister had died when a mortar bomb hit them while they were playing. In the next room two badly-wounded young men lay next to the corpse of a third man whose blood-caked feet were sticking out of the sheet covering his body. Doctor Sapsita Gayerbekova said the 27-year-old man, Isa, had died that morning but that there was nowhere to put the body and those of another two patients who had died in the hospital.

George Burns dies at 100

LOS ANGELES (AP) - George Burns, the wry, cigar-smoking comic who played straight man to Gracie Allen for 35 years, then found new popularity when he won an Academy Award at age 80, died Saturday just weeks after turning 100. His career lasted more than 90 years, spanning vaudeville, radio, movies, television, nightclubs, best-selling books, recordings and video. He was the oldest actor ever to receive an Oscar. At age 98, he was still delighting audiences with his perfectly timed quips, many of them at his own expense. ("I'm doing better with 18-year-old women now than when I was 18," was one.) Fans eagerly awaited his long-promised 100th birthday shows in Las Vegas, with the \$100 tickets selling out long in advance. But declining health ended his performing career after he was injured in a fall in July 1994. The 100th birthday shows were canceled. More recently, ailing with the flu, Burns was unable even to be a spectator at a gala in his honor a few days before he turned

100. He spent the birthday quietly. President Clinton and wife Hillary hailed his "knowing smile and dry wit," adding, "His youthful attitude, now a century old, continues to inspire us today." Burns' career was at a crossroads after Gracie - the ultimate ditty comedian and the love of Burns' life - retired in 1958. She died in 1964, he never remarried. He developed his own act as a single, starting in TV specials and playing Las Vegas with such discoveries as Ann-Margret and Bobby Darin. His popularity soared in the 1970s, with his Oscar for the aging vaudeville act in The Sunshine Boys touching off a string of movies, books and sold-out nightclub appearances. He said he accepted the role in the Neil Simon comedy, his first movie in more than 35 years, for the same reason he continued performing after Gracie retired: "You can't quit show business - not at my age." The role was to have gone to his close friend Jack Benny, who died in 1974.

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Fires rage in lawless Sarajevo suburb



A house burns out of control in the Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza Friday.

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Fires burned unattended yesterday in the lawless Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza, laid waste by fleeing Serbs.

The US said it was sending its new envoy to the region to stress the need for compliance with the Dayton peace accords which ended the 43 month old war but failed to patch up the multi-ethnic fabric of Bosnia.

Blazes swept through a railway station, a factory and several houses on the outskirts of Ilidza with no sign of any attempt to extinguish them.

Two flats were also ablaze in a block of apartments on the main road in Ilidza, where Serb residents have been setting fire to flats virtually every day for a week.

The fire department had already shut down in Ilidza, one of five suburbs being handed over to Moslem-Croat federation control as part of Dayton.

The practice of closing down local services to put pressure on residents to leave has already been seen in three suburbs handed over to the federation. Law and order has all but collapsed.

Many Serb residents are leaving the Bosnian capital out of genuine fear of Moslem-Croat rule.

But UN officials say some who want to stay are being driven out by threats and propaganda from Serb separatists determined to divide Bosnia ethnically.

Preserving Sarajevo's multi-ethnic community was one of the primary goals of Dayton, already strained by rising tension in the Moslem-Croat federation.

A Croat official in the Moslem-Croat federation said he had no regrets about ordering a squad of Croat police into a Sarajevo suburb this week without UN permission, underlining the poor relations within the federation.

Jozo Lutar, deputy interior minister for the federation, withdrew the police from Hadzici, transferred from Serb control, after NATO threatened to use force.

The new overseer of US policy on Bosnia, Acting

Assistant Secretary of State John Kornblum, will visit the Balkans this weekend to stress the need for compliance with the Dayton accords, the State Department said.

Spokesman Nicholas Burns said Kornblum would travel to the region today and meet leaders in Sarajevo, Zagreb and Belgrade tomorrow and Tuesday.

At a time when the US-brokered agreement is under strain, Burns said, Kornblum will "press upon them (the leaders) the strategic imperative of implementing successfully the Dayton accords and to work with them on all the range of compliance issues that stem in the Dayton accords."

Federation police are scheduled to move into Ilidza on Tuesday but until then international police were concerned about the safety of residents still in their homes.

Kris Janowski, Sarajevo UN aid agency spokesman, said a 65-year-old Moslem woman had been murdered in a growing campaign of violence in the Serb district of Grbavica, which is due to be the last to switch to Moslem-Croat rule on March 19.

"We think that the lives and well-being of the remaining minority, non-Serb population in Grbavica are threatened. There is an escalation of terror and intimidation. There were three fires including a school. It's a very ugly game."

"There are gangs of people going from house to house, threatening the remaining population, both minority and Serb, and telling them to get out because their house is going to be next," Janowski said.

The fires in Ilidza burned a short distance from NATO peacekeeping headquarters guarded by heavily-armed troops.

NATO commanders say preventing arson is the responsibility of international police which in turn says it has no power to arrest those setting fires or looting.

Turkish hijacker frees hostages

MUNICH (AP) - Upset over the war in Chechnya, a young Turkish waiter commandeered a Turkish Cypriot airliner and forced it to fly to Munich, where he released all 109 hostages yesterday after being promised he could voice his concerns to the media.

None of the 101 passengers and eight crew members were harmed, police said, and arrangements were being made for them to get to their original destinations.

The hijacker was identified as Aydin Ramazan, a waiter from Duzce, Turkey, who turns 21 today and whose forebears were from Chechnya. He was brought before a judge yesterday and ordered jailed pending an investigation.

Police say Ramazan entered the cockpit of the Boeing 727 shortly after it took off Friday evening from Nicosia, Cyprus, bound for Istanbul, Turkey.

Armed with what turned out to be a toy pistol, he forced the pilot to fly first to Sofia,

Bulgaria, and then Germany. Although he told the pilot there were four other hijackers on the plane with him, the man told police afterward he had acted alone.

The plane landed shortly before midnight in Munich and Ramazan demanded a Turkish interpreter, a human rights lawyer and a reporter be called.

Police spokesman Karl-Heinz Spoerl said the hijacker repeatedly insisted he was not a terrorist, but only wanted to draw attention to "Russia's bloody war in Chechnya."

Moscow sent troops to Chechnya 15 months ago to crush the Caucasus region's bid for independence. An estimated 30,000 people, mostly civilians, have been killed in the fighting.

As a goodwill gesture after three hours of negotiations by phone, Ramazan released six hostages, including a woman who was recently operated on and a child. An hour later, the pilot and a flight attendant were released.

Ramazan did not threaten the hostages or

issue an ultimatum until about 4 a.m. (0300 GMT), Spoerl said, when one of the passengers became ill and negotiations had stalled.

Then he warned that "something would happen" if his demands were not met quickly, Spoerl said. Police promised he would be allowed to make a statement to a reporter, and he surrendered about 5 a.m.

He was allowed to speak to a reporter for Bavarian radio and meet with attorney Hartmut Finger before being taken to jail.

"He was obviously very happy that the thing was resolved," Finger said afterward.

In his statement, Ramazan said he "wanted to make the whole world aware" of the suffering inflicted on "our brothers in Chechnya" by Russia.

"We want this violence ended as quickly as possible," he said. Spoerl said police considered not allowing the statement once the hijacker was in custody. "But he said, 'You promised.' In the end we must remain trustworthy, even for kidnapers."

Serb war criminal recounts massacre

PARIS (AP) - "Don't kill us! Our families will bring money."

In chilling detail, a confessed Bosnian Serb war criminal describes the massacre at Srebrenica, where hundreds of Moslems begged for their lives only to die in a barrage of bullets.

Drazen Erdemovic, a repentant 25-year-old soldier sought by the International War Crimes Tribunal, told the respected Paris daily *Le Figaro* a crisis of conscience prompted him to personally slay "only 70" victims.

"I tried to kill as few people as possible," he said. "At one point, I murmured to one of my comrades, 'God knows everything we've done today.' He snapped back at me: 'Shut up and shoot!'"

Officials of the War Crimes Tribunal based in The Hague, Netherlands, came to Belgrade on Tuesday to discuss the case with Yugoslav officials.

Tribunal investigators also want to question Radoslav Krstic, 29, a friend of Erdemovic who served with him in a special 80-man commando unit.

The court has indicted 53 other

people on war crimes charges. Only two, both Bosnian Serbs, are in custody so far. Serb authorities still refuse to hand over any suspects for trial, but they have recently agreed to let investigators question witnesses on Serb soil.

The Bosnian government and the International Red Cross are trying to determine what happened to about 7,000 men missing from Srebrenica, an eastern Moslem enclave that fell to the Serbs last July.

Erdemovic told *Le Figaro* for its weekend edition that "about 1,200" men, mostly Moslems, were gunned down in a 24-hour killing frenzy last July 20.

Bulldozers plowed the bodies under, Erdemovic said. He said he decided to keep his silence after relations eroded between him and his unit's commander, Lt. Milorad Pelemis.

Two days after the Srebrenica massacre, Erdemovic says, he was shot and gravely wounded by a top aide to Pelemis. Last month, he said, Pelemis ordered him expelled from his own home, the last straw that prompted Erdemovic to confess his role in

the massacre - and possibly implicate others.

Erdemovic said he joined Pelemis' unit in January 1995, and that it was designed to carry out acts of sabotage and the "elimination of troublesome people."

In jarring detail, he described his unit's role in the Srebrenica massacre.

He and fellow commandos, he said, were ordered to fire their Kalashnikovs at men - all dressed in civilian clothing - who were brought to them by the busload.

"Some of them were very young, 17 to 18 years old. The oldest were in their 50s," he said. Soldiers hurled numerous insults at the first group of about 60 victims, yet "they didn't say a word," he said.

Erdemovic said he asked his commander to spare one victim - a Moslem man in his 50s who said he had helped about 20 Serbs escape from Srebrenica and claimed to have names and telephone numbers to prove it.

"Sorry," Erdemovic said he finally had to tell the man. "The chief doesn't want us to leave behind a single living witness."

New Yorkers reject Buchanan in primary

NEW YORKERS firmly rejected Pat Buchanan in the state's Republican primary last week, giving Kansas Senator Bob Dole an overwhelming victory.

An exit poll showed that 66 percent of the voters thought Buchanan too extreme.

Dole's victory, in an election held under court order, did not

necessarily imply that the voters like him. The exit poll, conducted by the Voter News Service, showed 51 percent thought Dole has no new ideas.

About 400,000 people braved snow and ice storms to vote in

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Thursday's primary. There are 2.8 million registered Republicans in New York State. Less than 5 percent of them are Jewish.

The primary was held on Tuesday because Purim fell on Tuesday, the traditional Election Day.

The election was held under court order after the state Republican Party, prodded by

US Senator Alfonse D'Amato, tried to use the election law to keep Dole's challengers off the ballot.

New York did not have a direct primary. Instead, voters picked delegates pledged to a candidate.

Delegates pledged to Dole and publisher Steve Forbes appeared in all 31 districts, while delegates pledged to Buchanan were on the ballot in 23. Buchanan, who won no delegates, got roughly 15 percent of the vote.

Inspectors enter Baghdad building after standoff

BAGHDAD (AP) - After an all-night standoff with Iraqi authorities, UN weapons experts entered a ministry building yesterday to search for data on banned weapons of mass destruction.

The latest wrangle between Baghdad and the United Nations came just ahead of tomorrow's resumption of talks in New York aimed at negotiating a limited resumption of Iraqi oil sales.

Iraq accused the UN of deliberately provoking the standoff in an attempt to damage Baghdad's image ahead of the crucial talks.

Some 20 experts were allowed into the Irrigation Ministry, where they suspect weapons-related documents were stored, after chief UN inspector Rolf Ekeus telephoned Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, from New York and "negotiated a deal."

"It seems that it worked," said Charles Harper, an American with the operations department of the UN Special Commission charged with dismantling Iraq's weapons programs.

UN officials gave no details on the talks between Ekeus and Aziz. But the group of inspectors that went into the building was only about half the 43-member team, indicating the Iraqis may have demanded a cut in the numbers.

At times in the past, the Iraqis have objected to searches by inspectors from countries involved in the US-led coalition that battled Iraq. It was not clear whether that had happened again this time.

Harper said the inspectors entered the building in central Baghdad at 2:30 p.m. after 15 hours after Iraqi authorities refused to allow them in.

Charles Duelfer, deputy chairman of the Special Commission, told CNN yesterday that they inspectors had begun "what will be a very laborious inspection."

There was no immediate word on whether they found any weapons-related documents.

"Undoubtedly, since it took us so long to gain access to that building, the value of the inspection is diminished."

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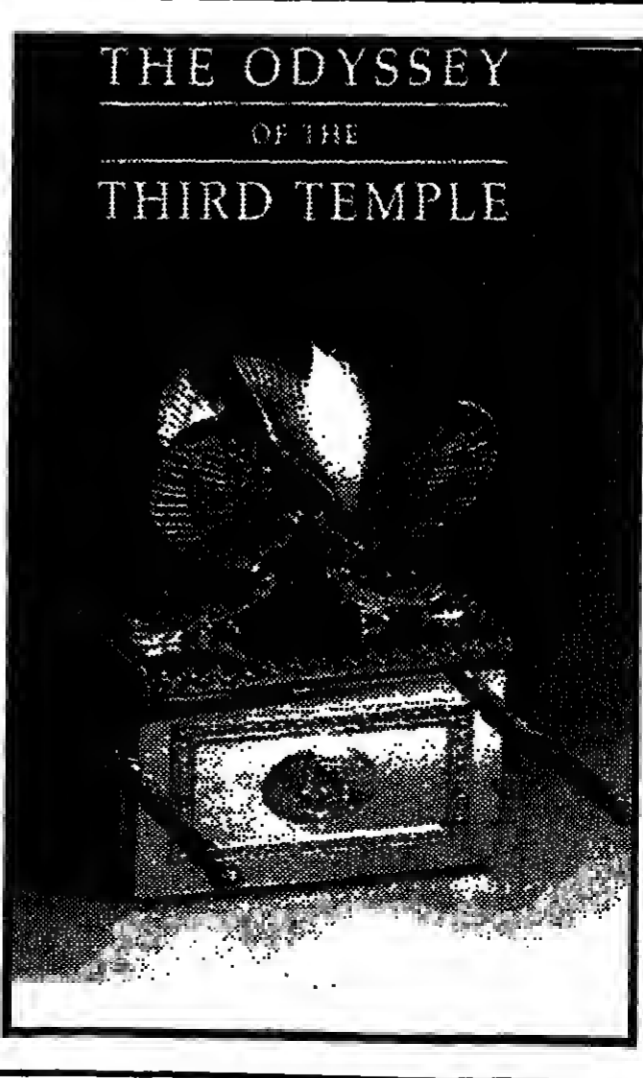
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Using pets to achieve better parenting

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In the center of a circle of wide-eyed kindergarten children and their parents, Dr. Naftali Primor stands and gently strokes the head of a baby alligator. The thorny reptile reacts like a spoiled child or a pet dog, arching its neck for more.

"Parents," Primor says over the din of his audience. "Do you see this? If an alligator needs physical contact and warmth, your children certainly do. Hug them as often as you can."

This is the main psychological message of Primor's regular visits to kindergartens in disadvantaged areas, a project sponsored by the Karev Educational Enrichment Program (KEEP) based in Jerusalem.

Using reptiles, mammals and birds from the menagerie he has built up over many years, the zoologist teaches overburdened, stressed parents and children the importance of enjoying memorable experiences together.

Arriving one recent afternoon at a kindergarten in Jerusalem's Ir Ganim neighborhood, Primor unloads dozens of plastic enclosures and metal cages inside. The parents and their kids peek in, guessing what the stranger types of creatures are and trying to touch the more familiar, less imposing ones like the mice and hares.

As Amitza Kochavi, the kindergarten teacher, rounds up the youngsters, Primor explains his theories of informal family therapy. Parents pressed by economic problems or busy careers must spend much of their energy making ends meet or cultivating their business, he says. They may be absent from the home for long hours and unable to afford babysitters, so their children are left alone with no adult to talk to. We raise our kids, but we don't find enough time for them. Try not to let the magic moments of their childhood pass unnoticed, Primor unlocks the cages and



A furry little mouse lights up the faces of these kindergarten children. The parents, meanwhile, learn the value of spending quality time with their children.

frees their occupants, while his audience, divided up among a number of groups, watch expectantly. A large, eight-year-old female iguana, looking like a painted dinosaur, emerges to the ooohs and aahs of the children.

"Touch her, she's not slimy. Look how nice she is," he prompts them. They do so, the parents no less hesitatingly than their youngsters. The iguana seems perfectly happy perched on the top of the kindergarten's puppet theater and remains there for two hours.

They need no pushing to cuddle the furry, pink-eyed hares, which Primor explains are mistakenly called rabbits. He shows them how to take the mice out of their cage by holding them gently by the tail, advising them not to let the little rodents run free and hide. Oblivious to the tumult, a large turtle prefers to sleep in a box,

reproduction, likes and habits.

Not pretending to be a professional family therapist, Primor nevertheless thinks that intimate encounters by parents and children with animals can bring families closer together. "I am certain that these experiences have long-term effects when they go home," says the Lodz-born animal lover, who traces his enthusiasm for reptiles to his boyhood, when he caught snakes and set up a miniature zoo on his balcony with his father's help.

For years, Primor ran a reptile park with 1,000 different specimens in four small rooms in the Hebrew University's Terra Sancta building, across the street from the Prime Minister's Residence in Rehavia.

University officials allowed him to use the ramshackle premises in exchange for teaching high-school pupils about animals. Recently, it finally moved to Kibbutz Tzova southwest of Jerusalem, and hundreds of youngsters make trips to see the animals each week.

But for KEEP's project, Primor takes some of the animals on excursions to kindergartens. "KEEP was established by the Charles R. Bronfman (Karev) Foundation five years ago," explains Dafna Rosenheck, who is responsible for kindergarten projects for KEEP.

"We get numerous proposals for bolstering educational content and increasing the involvement of parents and local authorities in the schools," she explains. "I went to see Dr. Primor's efforts, and was impressed. The parents and children are enthusiastic about what he does."

About 8 percent of KEEP's budget is financed by the Karev Foundation. The bulk comes from the Education Ministry, the local authorities and parents. Its variety of enrichment projects have reached 140,000 children in development towns and in disadvantaged neighborhoods in urban areas around the country.

When X rays are safe during pregnancy

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Women who underwent an abdominal or pelvic X ray at the beginning of their pregnancy, before they knew they were expecting, have no cause for worry. A study of 52 children born to women exposed to such diagnostic X rays during the first trimester were found to suffer from no developmental problems.

The study, published in the *Israel Journal of Medical Sciences*, was carried out by Prof. Asher Ornoy, Dr. Nathan Patlas and Dr. Lev Schwartz of the teratology laboratory of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School and the Jerusalem Institute for Child Development.

High doses of ionizing irradiation, mainly in therapeutic doses, have been known to cause defects in the skeleton, eyes and brains of human fetuses, but low doses of X rays do not cause such physical defects. Exposure to high doses of X rays during the later stages of pregnancy may affect the baby's brain, but such late exposure is very rare - of 1,291 women referred to the teratology lab over a period of five years for consultation regarding X rays, only five had been exposed during the last six months of pregnancy.

The problem is much more common among women who undergo X rays before they know they are pregnant. The researchers therefore wanted to know whether such irradiation during the early stages of pregnancy can affect functional brain development.

They compared children born to women who had been exposed in early pregnancy to diagnostic X rays with children born to those who had not. The groups were paired by socioeconomic status. No differences were found in the results of the medical, neurological, cognitive and motor exams, the team reported. They thus conclude that embryonic or fetal exposure to X rays in doses below five rads does not seem to have any effect on development during childhood.

HEART DOESN'T SKIP A BEAT

Undergoing a coronary catheterization is a scary thing for an adult, let alone a child. The catheterization unit at Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel in Petah Tikva has introduced a special information program to prepare youngsters for such invasive procedures. The Clalit Health Fund, which owns the hospital, reports that the family's anxiety before the procedure nearly disappears as a result of this program.

A month before the procedure, the child receives a colorful booklet explaining the whole procedure, in which a catheter is pushed into a tiny incision in the leg and threaded into the heart to diagnose or treat heart defects.

BETTER TO KNOW

A 14-year-old boy who participated in a special Clalit Health Fund medical workshop for adolescents quickly applied the knowledge he picked up. Suffering from acute pain in his lower abdomen three days after the seminar, he reported the problem and doctors surgically treated a strangulated testicle. According to nurses at Clalit's Zevulun Clinic in the north, adolescents who suffer such sudden pain often delay informing their parents.

The unusual workshop discusses "safe sex" and also teaches teenage girls to conduct self-exams of the breast and boys to conduct self-exams of their testicles. In the case of the 14-year-old, doctors found that one testicle had rotated in the scrotum. If it hadn't been treated within six hours, irreversible damage would have set in due to lack of blood supply and the testicle would have had to be removed.

The terror: Who is there to help the rescuers?

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

MAGEN David Adom professionals and volunteers know exactly what to do when faced with the nightmare of a bus explosion: they temporarily bury their emotions and function coolly and competently to save lives. But who binds up the emotional wounds of the rescuers when they return to their stations bloody and shocked?

Surprisingly, in a country cursed by recurrent terror attacks, there is no organized setup for "de-briefing" doctors, nurses, MDA workers, *hevra kadisha* volunteers and passersby who witness terrorist outrages and their aftermath.

Hospitals have psychiatrists and psychologists to consult, if someone feels the need: the bus companies have some kind of support system for their drivers. Workers who can't take the emotional beating or distance themselves from their jobs when they go home usually drop out from careers that expose them to such horrors.

Amcha, a voluntary organization that provides psychological help to Holocaust survivors and their children, sent a team of three psychologists to MDA's Jerusalem branch within hours of the first bus No. 18 explosion on February 25; they rushed there a week later on March 3 when many of the same staffers returned from the second bus No. 18 outrage.

Yoram Amit, a psychologist who is head of the Jerusalem branch of Amcha, was in touch with MDA's Jerusalem director Avraham Halbersberg, and when this happened, we decided we should go over," says Dr. Danny Brom, Amcha's research coordinator and a clinical psychologist at Herzog Memorial Hospital-Ezrat Nashim.

"The staff were very happy to see us, because they needed somebody to talk to."

Brom, who was born in Holland and came on aliyah in 1988 after spending 11 years working in the field of trauma, notes that Holland and other generally placid European countries are better



Magen David Adom personnel attend to the terror victims, but they themselves are not immune from the trauma.

organized than Israel to debrief public workers exposed to traumatic events.

"Teams go in to debrief within 24 to 48 hours after the event. The field is neglected here. In the US and Europe, debriefing of traumatized people is a big business."

The effects of horrible events such as the bus explosions include not only post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), which is well known. "Victims also suffer from depression and from dissociative disorders, in which they feel disconnected to the world," Brom explains. "Many people who witness such an event can cope on their own and get enough support from their family, friends and colleagues at work. But others need professional help."

Amit, Brom and their Amcha colleague Yvonne Tauber went to MDA-Jerusalem and invited everyone who had taken part in

treating the wounded and evacuating the dead to sit down for a talk.

"There were about 30 who came in, but surprisingly, there were no doctors among them. Perhaps they were ashamed to seek help or felt they didn't need it," Brom recalled.

Those who did participate were in shock, a bit confused and had lots of questions, says Brom.

"Teenage boys didn't seem any more resilient than the girls. There was no difference between the religious ones and the secular ones. People died in their arms, and they wanted to know whether they had done enough."

"They spoke about their helplessness to prevent the event and their anger at what had happened, but no one spoke about hating Arabs."

"Even though many of them are still teenagers volunteering for the job or doing national service,

none of them said they had had enough, that they wanted to leave MDA. They all wanted to get back onto their ambulances. I really admire these young people. They are totally dedicated to saving lives."

The three psychologists themselves, who heard but did not see horrible things, were themselves shaken. "We needed debriefing too, but you have to be willing to be traumatized a bit to understand what they feel."

It's best, Brom continues, to let them talk. "They mustn't hold in even the most gory details. They must describe what they saw, touched, heard and smelled."

There are two basic reactions: some try to avoid going back to the place where the traumatic event occurred, while others try to re-experience it by returning to the place. Both, says Brom, are entirely normal.

Many rescue workers here and abroad say they can function well in a disaster in most cases, but when they come upon a dead or seriously injured child, they break down.

It is MDA policy that ambulance staffers' contact with patients and their families ends when they reach the hospital. "They don't know whether the person they treated and evacuated lived or died. They read the papers, but often they don't identify them."

"I think it's a good policy, because if they were to establish emotional links with the patients, they couldn't function as well."

Although traumatized staffers are almost universally relieved to have been allowed to talk about what they experienced, says Brom, "there are nevertheless serious questions about long-term efficacy. It is not certain how much debriefing prevents the development of pathological problems, whether people who really need it actually get help."

"We are slowly moving to another model: of actually looking for people who are at high risk for psychological disorders resulting from trauma, instead of debriefing everyone. We can screen those who had been witnesses through questionnaires or

Vaccination against hepatitis A effective but expensive

RX FOR READERS
POST HEALTH REPORTER

I've noticed that there is a new vaccination against hepatitis A. Since this disease spreads easily in day-care centers, kindergartens and the army, should everyone be vaccinated? Y.D., Karmiel.

Prof. Jonathan Halevy, a liver expert and director-general of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, replies:

The vaccine, which is marketed under various names, is very effective and safe. We don't know if it can protect people against hepatitis A infection for life, but it will do so for many years.

Most Israelis have been exposed to hepatitis A; they get it latently, without being aware of it. Unlike other types of infectious hepatitis, such as type B and C, it does not pose long-term

health dangers to the large majority of people.

There are, however, outbreaks of hepatitis A in the army, day-care centers, kindergartens and other institutions. Although the disease is unpleasant, it is short lived. High-risk groups include those living under crowded conditions, as the disease spreads through contact with intestinal excretions.

The vaccine is currently relatively expensive (between NIS 83 and NIS 123, depending on whether it's for children or adults). It is not part of the Health Ministry's mandatory vaccinations supplied by the family health centers to

all babies.

It is not cost-effective at present to prevent cases of a disease that passes without complications. When the price goes down, as it has with the hepatitis B vaccine, one can expect more people to get it.

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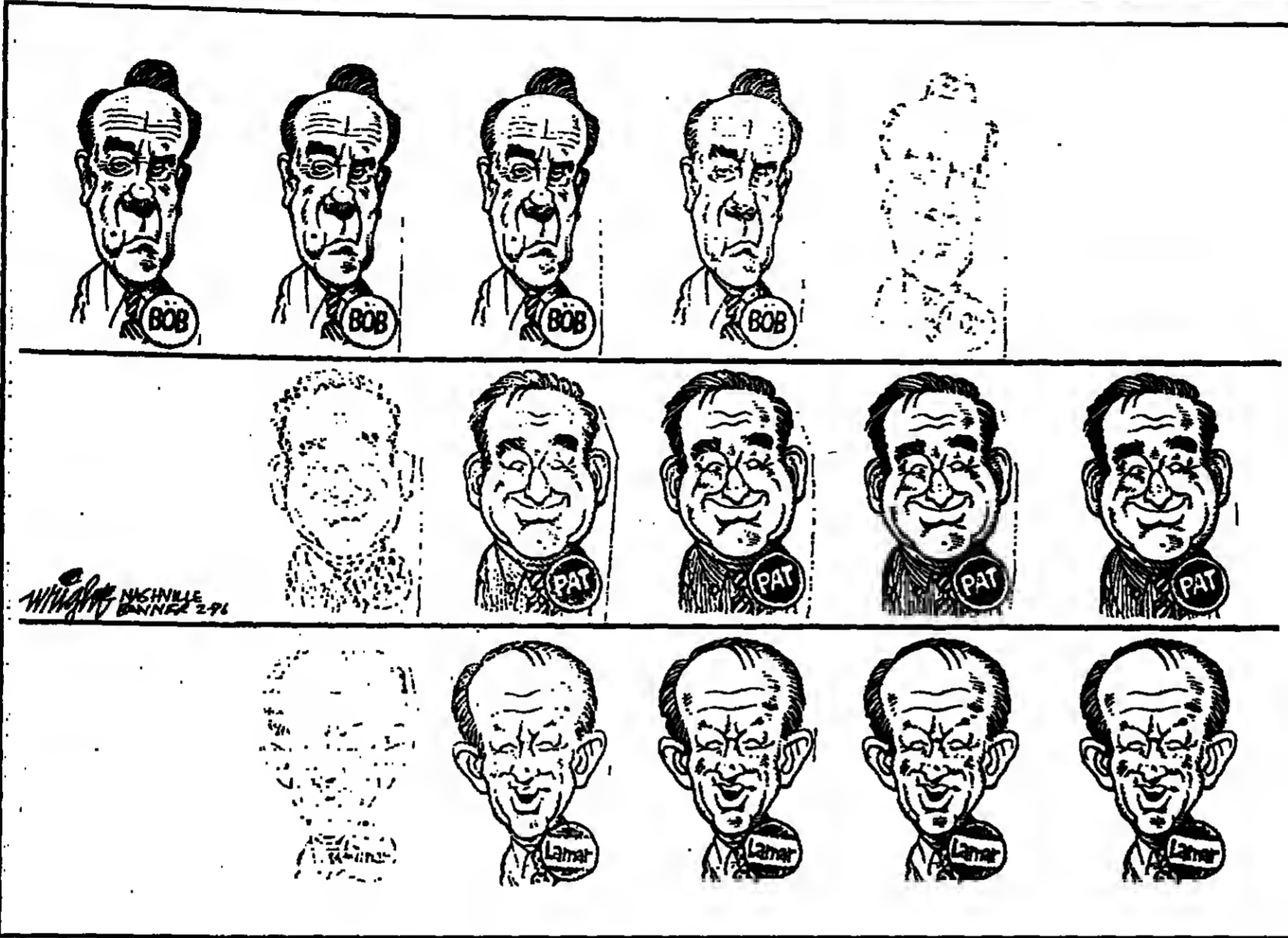
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How to break Pat Buchanan's code of hatred

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

Those who claim not to bear bigotry in Pat Buchanan's words have simply not yet broken his code. This expert wordsmith has developed a clever code which allows him to be understood as the bigot he really is by those who share his bigotry, while maintaining some degree of plausible deniability to those who share his economic and social policies but not his bigotry. The code is fairly transparent to those who have followed Buchanan's double-speak over his long career.

Here are some clues to the Buchanan bigotry code. He loves to use surnames as a surrogate for ethnicity. For example, when complaining about the economy, Buchanan emphasizes the names of "Goldman, Sachs," "Robert Rubin" and "Alan Greenspan." To his neo-Nazi and militia supporters, this translates as "Jewish Wall Street bankers." To his non-bigoted supporters, it is merely a series of names.

When talking about political insiders, Buchanan's favorite example is Bob Strauss. When criticizing the Supreme Court, he always focuses on Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. As *The New York Times* reports, he "linger[s] with great relish on each of the syllables" in her name, so as to "speak in code, using xenophobic images like (his reference to all Mexicans as 'Jose') or anti-Semitic references to excite bigots without alienating mainstream voters."

Nor is this a new tactic. During the weeks prior to the Gulf War, Buchanan charged that people named Kissinger, Rosenthal, Pearl and Kranthamer — all Jews — were pushing America into a war in which the fighting (and the dying) would be done by "kids with names like McAllister, Murphy, Gonzales and Letoy Brown." It was, of course, a lie to suggest that only Jews supported the popular Gulf War, or that only non-Jews serve in the Army, but the juxtaposition of Jewish and Christian names made Buchanan's bigoted point that Christians die for Jewish interests.

In his autobiography, Buchanan once again uses names as a code for how his hero Joseph McCarthy was brought down by the actions of Jews: "When Roy Cohn and David Schine maneuvered Joe into his battle with the Army (with Cohn accused of trying to get the wealthy Schine pampered Army treatment other American kids had never got), they put him on the wrong side..." against people with names like "MacArthur and Eisenhower and Patton and Bradley (and Audie Murphy and Willie and Joe)." The bigots know how to read this: "Jews" sought more favorable treatment than real "Americans" and then "maneuvered" a great patriot against the American Army and destroyed him.

Another transparent effort to appeal to neo-Nazi and militia support in code was Buchanan's reference to Congress as "Israeli-occupied territory." Most Americans do not know that one of the most common slogans of the neo-Nazis and militia is that America is a "Zionist occupied government." Indeed, the initials "ZOG" appear as graffiti, posters and on bumper stickers of the neo-Nazis and militias. Buchanan's reference to "Israeli-occupied territory" was a clear signal to the ZOG crowd. Even Buchanan's pet phrase — "America First" — sounds innocent enough to those without an historical memory. But those old enough to recall the 1920s and 1930s are put in mind of Father Charles Coughlin and other bigots throughout American history, who were heroes in the Buchanan family.

Yet another series of coded phrases by which Buchanan appeals to violent skinheads and militias is his constant invocation of gun rhetoric. His campaign slogan "lock and load," his call to "ride to the sound of the guns," and his repeated references to "peasants coming over the hills with pitchforks" are all calculated to get the juices flowing among the most violent racists who support him.

Any one of these code words standing alone may be explainable in non-bigoted terms. But only a fool or a knave would continue to ignore the plain — even if coded — meaning of these inflammatory words to those who want to be inflamed.

That is why Americans of every political stripe are beginning to see through Buchanan's code words. That is why New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Massachusetts Gov. William Weld have condemned Buchanan for his support of Nazi war criminals. That is why Gen. Colin Powell cannot support him. That is why William Bennett accused him of flirting with fascism. That is why Jack Kemp compares him to French Fascist Jean-Marie Le Pen. It is why Connecticut Sen. Christopher Dodd has said that the only difference between Buchanan and the skinheads is a little bit of hair. It is why AFL-CIO head John Sweeney has labeled Buchanan "a racist, he's anti-Semitic, he bashes women right along with labor and immigration..."

Those who did not know of Buchanan's coded bigotry cannot be blamed for voting for him in the past. But now that the code has been broken and Buchanan's bigotry exposed for all to see, no person who considers himself or herself moral can cast a vote for this racist bigot.

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Losing control

Campaigns distract business at hand

Presidential campaigns are pulling such high-powered politicians such as Sen. Bob Dole and Rep. Robert Dornan away from their duties while critical legislation and congressional campaigns are being hotly contested.

BY ROBERT NOVAK

While Sen. Bob Dole is pinned down fighting for the Republican presidential nomination, he faces demands back on Capitol Hill that more of his duties as Senate majority leader be turned over to Majority Whip Trent Lott.

No senator is saying so publicly, but the watchword behind the scenes is "Let Lott lead!" Dole's relationship with Lott has always been cool, and while on the campaign trail, he has maintained day-to-day control of the Senate through his chief of staff, Sheila Burke. But

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WHITEWATER FILIBUSTER

Threats by Senate Democratic Leader Thomas Daschle to filibuster indefinite extension of the Senate Whitewater investigation were given a green light by President Clinton's political advisers.

That reflects belief in the White House that the televised investigation led by Sen. Alfonse

D'Amato poses greater political danger to President Clinton than the legal processes of Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

Many Democratic strategists outside the White House disagree. They say potential indictments by Starr are far more lethal than D'Amato's hearings and that a filibuster could give the public the impression of a Clinton cover-up.

IMMIGRATION POLITICS

Pat Buchanan inexplicably missed a golden opportunity in the Arizona Republican presidential primary when he failed to talk about Steve Forbes' opposition in 1994 to California's Proposition 187 to eliminate welfare for illegal immigrants.

Realizing the importance of immigration as an issue in Arizona, Buchanan continuously rweaked Forbes for a 1985 magazine column in which he referred to the flood of migrants across the American border as a "safety valve" for Mexico. But Buchanan neglected to point out Forbes' support for Jack Kemp and William Bennett, his colleagues at the Empower America organization, in opposing Proposition 187.

Forbes advisers were waiting in apprehension for Buchanan to attack Empower America's role in fighting the California proposition, but it never happened. That omission might have contributed to Forbes' upset victory in Arizona.

FORBES ACOLYTE

Dallas Republican political operative Jim Francis, a key supporter of Sen. Phil Gramm for president, is not following Gramm into Dole's camp, but has decided to back Forbes.

Francis made that decision when he watched the televised speech Forbes gave after his fourth-place finish in New Hampshire. Moved by Forbes' eloquence, Francis telephoned a mutual friend to offer his support. Francis was mastermind of the recent Texas election victories by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and Gov. George W. Bush.

A footnote: Arizona Gov. Fife Symington

declined to support Dole for president and stayed neutral after Gramm, Symington's choice, dropped out of the race. Over dinner shortly

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before the Arizona primary, Symington told Buchanan he deplored the attacks on him by Republican leaders.

DORNAN, COME HOME

Republican leaders in Orange County, Calif., have called on Rep. Robert K. Dornan to abandon his failed presidential campaign and return home to defend his hotly contested congressional seat.

The pleas were made after Dornan's supporters were surprised to see him participating in the nationally televised debate from Tempe, Ariz. Dornan had indicated he was giving up his presidential pretensions after his poor showing in Iowa and New Hampshire.

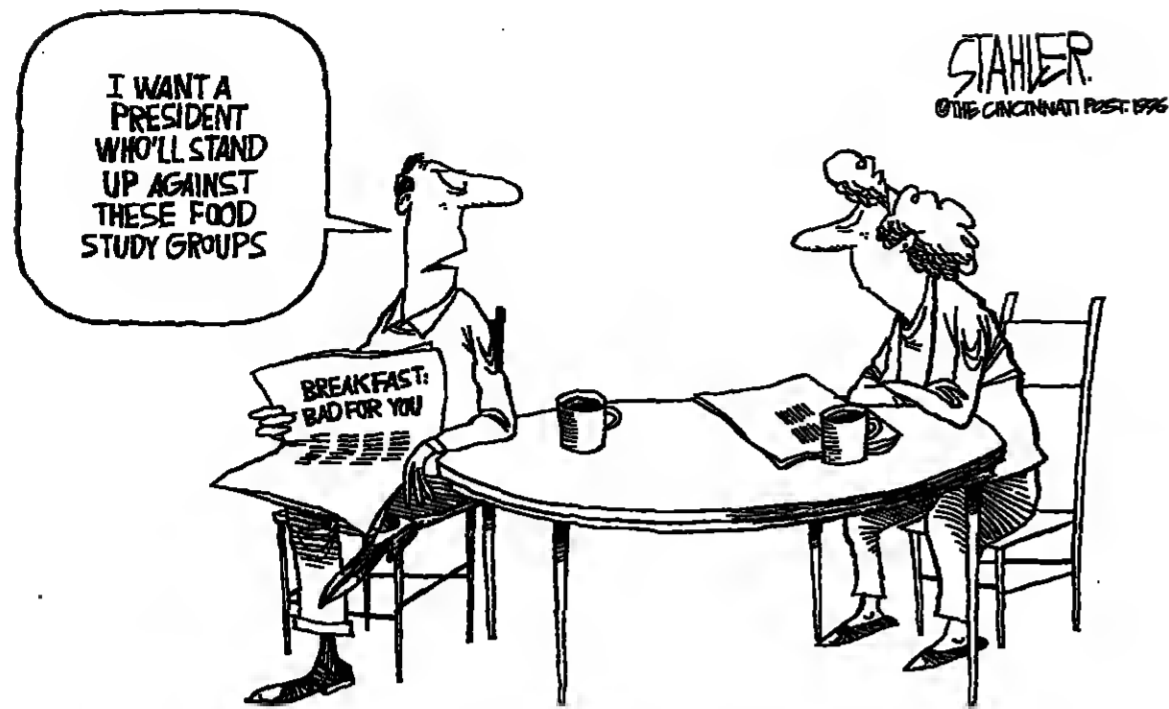
The Orange County leaders told Dornan that his colorful, but futile, campaign for president had not helped him at home and that a serious Democratic effort to oust him was under way. Dornan made no promises, but talked vaguely of the need to stay in the race to pick up federal matching funds.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



Now it's Bob Dole's turn to reveal questionable ties

BY MICHAEL LIND

Last Saturday, voters cast their ballots in the critical South Carolina Republican primary giving Bob Dole 45 percent of the vote. Dole relied on his key ally, former Gov. Carroll A. Campbell Jr., to win over centrist Republicans repulsed by Pat Buchanan's race and religion bairing. Carroll Campbell, it seems, represents the inclusive, New South wing of the GOP. Yikes.

Back in 1978, Campbell ran for Congress against former Greenville Mayor Max Heller, a Democrat and a Jew who fled from Nazi-occupied Austria. Five days before the election, an independent candidate, Don Sprouse, said that Heller should not be elected because as a Jew he did not "believe Jesus Christ has come yet." Heller lost the race to Campbell.

For years it has been rumored that Republican strategist Lee Atwater or someone else involved in the 1978 Campbell campaign encouraged Sprouse to say what he did. In 1986 in his newsletter *The Baron Report*, Democratic analyst Alan Baron reported that Campbell's New York-based poll taker, Arthur Finkelstein, had conducted a poll for him in 1978 to "determine the impact on the voters of the information that Heller was (1) a Jew; (2) a foreign-born Jew; and (3) a foreign-born Jew who did not believe in Jesus Christ as the savior." Baron wrote that Finkelstein "learned that Heller could win with the first two pieces of information out, but not the third." According to a *New York Times* story of Sept. 24, 1986, Marvin Chernoff, another Democratic political consultant, claimed that Atwater told him that the Campbell campaign had thought "it would be great if the third candidate" used their polling information to undermine Heller.

When this information surfaced during Campbell's 1986 campaign for governor, he called Baron's account "outrageously wrong" and "inaccurate." Atwater, while denying Chernoff's account of his words, admitted that Campbell's campaign manager had met with Don Sprouse's lieutenants.

But even if one dismisses these allegations that the Campbell campaign encouraged Sprouse's anti-Semitic remarks, the

1978 poll Campbell commissioned would be troubling in itself. The poll, released in 1986, asked voters to choose the characteristics that best described Campbell and Heller: (a) Honest, (b) A Christian man, (c) Concern for the people, (d) A hard worker, (e) Experienced in government, (f) Jewish." A second question asked voters which of 15 qualities would make them more or less likely to vote for a candidate. Among these: "a naive South Carolinian" and "a Jewish immigrant." According to Campbell, this was "legitimate demographic" polling. The interdenominational leaders who publicly condemned Campbell's poll questions in a 1986 press conference in Columbia thought otherwise.

It gets worse. In 1979, the new Republican representative from South Carolina flew to Orlando, Fla., to speak at a seminar on "financial survival" sponsored by the Liberty Lobby, one of the major anti-Semitic organizations in the United States. Campbell later claimed he had not known about the Liberty Lobby's reputation, even though conservative politicians and activists are generally vigilant in steering clear of the organization. According to Campbell, he spoke at the seminar because he had been asked to by an acquaintance who had sought a job in his House office but been turned down.

Campbell's explanation raises more questions than it answers. Was Campbell in the habit of addressing seminars at the request of disappointed office-seekers? Was he aware that the person who arranged his talk had worked for the Liberty Lobby's journal, *Spotlight*, which publishes articles claiming that the Holocaust was a hoax and Anne Frank's Diary a fake? Why would a freshman South Carolina congressman fly to Florida to address an obscure group for an honorarium of only \$500?

Perhaps the answer lies in an August 1978 campaign speech of Campbell's, which Heller interpreted as a reference to him. Campbell told an audience of Republican women that whoever represented their district in Congress had to be free of foreign influence. "I believe that it is imperative that a congressman be objective in foreign policy and have absolutely no favorite nation in the free world but America."

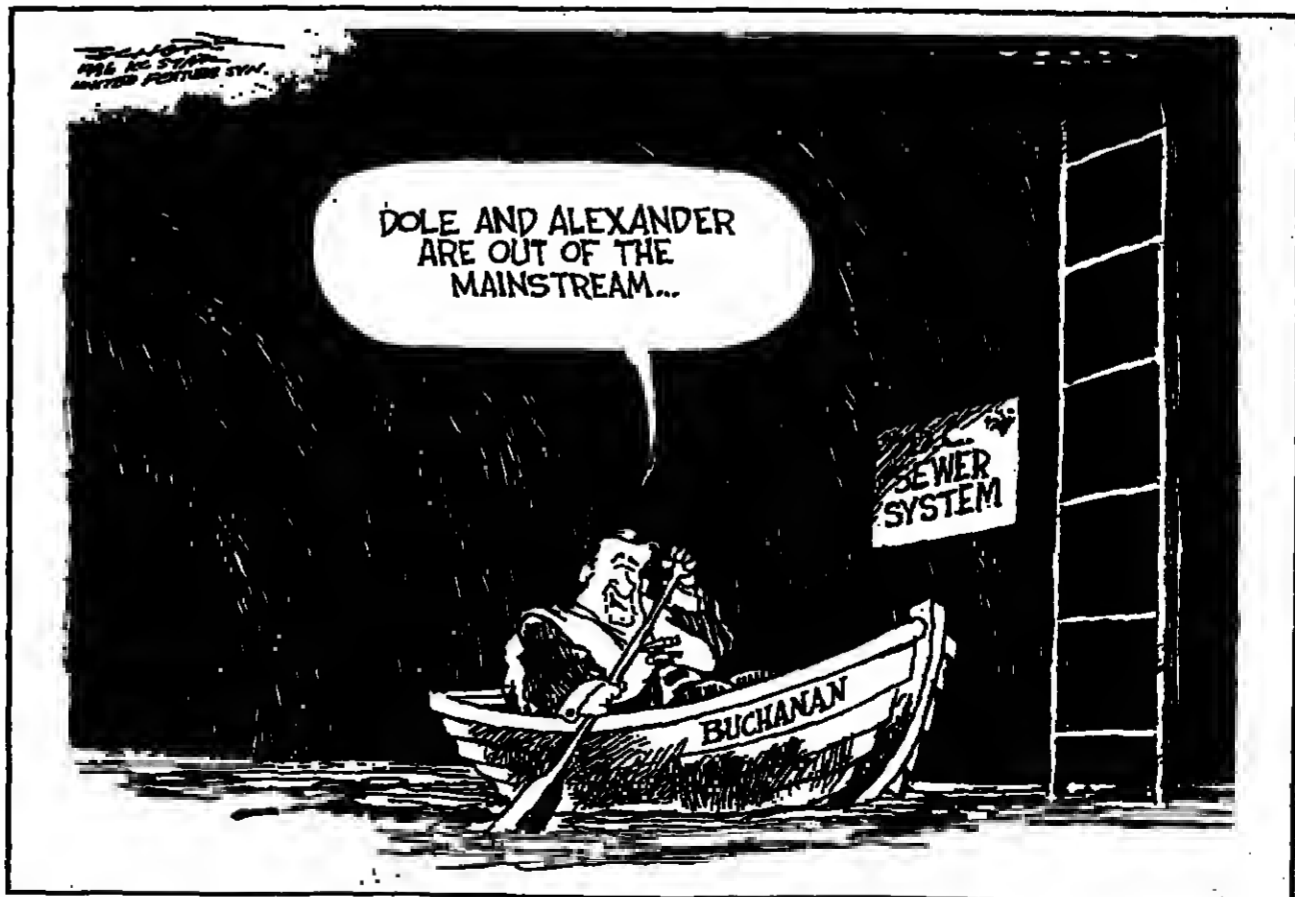
The reference to a "favorite nation" in "the free world" rules out interpreting the speech as a warning against the influence in Washington of Cuban exiles. Was Campbell referring to the Norwegian lobby? The French lobby, perhaps?

In recent weeks, Bob Dole's campaign for the Republican presidential nomination has benefited from revelations about his opponents' anti-Semitic and white-supremacist associations. Larry Pratt of Gun Owners of America stepped down as co-chairman of the Buchanan campaign when it was revealed that he had repeatedly spoken before groups espousing such views, including the annual Jubilee conference of the pro-Nazi Christian Identity movement. Buchanan defended Pratt, but his campaign distanced itself from other extremists, including a Buchanan volunteer who served as an officer in the National Association for the Advancement of White People. The Forbes campaign was tarnished by stories that the candidate relied on advice from strategist Thomas Ellis. Ellis helped Jesse Helms craft his infamous "white hands" commercial, showing a white citizen crumpling a rejection slip while a voice-over explained that a "minority" had gotten the job (Helms went on to narrowly defeat black Democrat Harvey Gantt). Ellis has also served on the board of the Pioneer Fund, founded in the 1930s to promote the reproduction of descendants of the "white pioneers." The Fund has subsidized much of the dubious scholarship on which Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray base their allegations of innate black intellectual inferiority in *The Bell Curve*.

Now come revelations about Carroll Campbell's 1978 poll and his Liberty Lobby connection (issues first raised in public in 1986, in *The New York Times*, *The Charlotte Observer* and *The Greenville News*). Campbell has a reputation as a moderate and enlightened Republican governor. That makes the question all the more urgent: If this is what passes for moderation and enlightenment these days, what on earth is happening to the Republican Party?

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SUNDAY COMICS

Doonesbury

G. B. TRUDEAU

DOONESBURY is a satirical comic strip by G. B. Trudeau. The panels show characters in a bar, with dialogue such as 'I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ABOUT ALL THIS' and 'WHEN I GO OUT HERE, IT'S ALWAYS SOMEbody WHO SAYS SHE'S ANGRY FOR SOME REASON.' The strip is known for its political and social commentary.

PEANUTS

by SCHULZ

PEANUTS is a comic strip by Charles M. Schulz. The panels show Charlie Brown talking to a kite salesman. Dialogue includes: 'A PERFECT DAY FOR FLYING A KITE!', 'YES, SIR... A RED ONE.', 'WHAT? YOU'RE KIDDING!', 'THEY WON'T SELL ME A KITE... THEY SAY I'LL JUST GET IT CAUGHT IN A TREE...', 'THEY SAY I'M GIVING KITE FLYING A BAD NAME...', 'HERE, I BOUGHT YOU A MARBLE..', 'THAT'S RIDICULOUS! GIVE ME YOUR MONEY... I'LL GO BUY IT FOR YOU..', 'YES, SIR... I WANT TO BUY A RED KITE..', 'OF COURSE, IT'S FOR MYSELF! WHAT DID YOU THINK I WAS GOING TO DO... GIVE IT TO MY FRIEND, CHARLIE BROWN?!', 'DO YOU ASK YOUR MOM IF YOU COULD JUMP OFF THE ROOF?'. The strip is famous for its simple yet profound humor.

STUPID

By Jeff Miller

STUPID is a comic strip by Jeff Miller. The panels show a character at a bar talking to a friend. Dialogue includes: 'WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS NOW..', 'YOU'RE NOT GETTING MY BUD LIGHT.', 'IN ALL THE YEARS WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER WE'VE NEVER REALLY TALKED ABOUT THE IMPORTANT THINGS..', 'OUR DREAMS..', 'WE NEVER DISCUSS IDEAS..', 'WE DWELL ON THE INCONSEQUENTIAL THE BULLY.', 'WE SPEND HOURS TALKING ABOUT SPORTS AND GOSSIP, TELLING BAD JOKE AND RETELLING FUNNY OLD STORIES..', 'BUT WE MANAGE TO AVOID TALKING ABOUT THE THINGS THAT REALLY MATTER IN LIFE..', 'I'VE NEVER THANKED YOU FOR THAT.', 'DON'T MENTION IT.' The strip is a parody of the 'The Simpsons' character Homer Simpson.

Calvin and Hobbes

by WILSON

Calvin and Hobbes is a comic strip by Bill Watterson. The panels show Calvin talking to Hobbes. Dialogue includes: 'DO YOU ASK YOUR MOM IF YOU COULD JUMP OFF THE ROOF?', 'QUESTIONS I KNOW THE ANSWERS TO, I DON'T NEED TO ASK, RIGHT?', 'IS THIS BLANKET BIG ENOUGH?', 'PERFECT!', 'SEE, I'LL JUST GRAB ALL THE CORNERS AND MAKE A PARACHUTE!', 'YOU CAN WATCH AS I FLIGHT TO THE GROUND, GENTLY AS A LEAF!', 'GERONIMO!', 'CRUNCH!', 'HIS MOM'S GOING TO HAVE A FIT ABOUT THOSE ROSE BUSHES.' The strip is a classic of children's literature.

WHATTA YA CALL A CLOVER WITH FOUR LEAVES? A FREAK.

FREAKS GOT LUCK!

HELLO THOR!

HI!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE ME TO THE SHAMROCK BALL TONIGHT?

WOULD I?

PICK ME UP AT SIX... OH... AND WEAR SOMETHING GREEN.

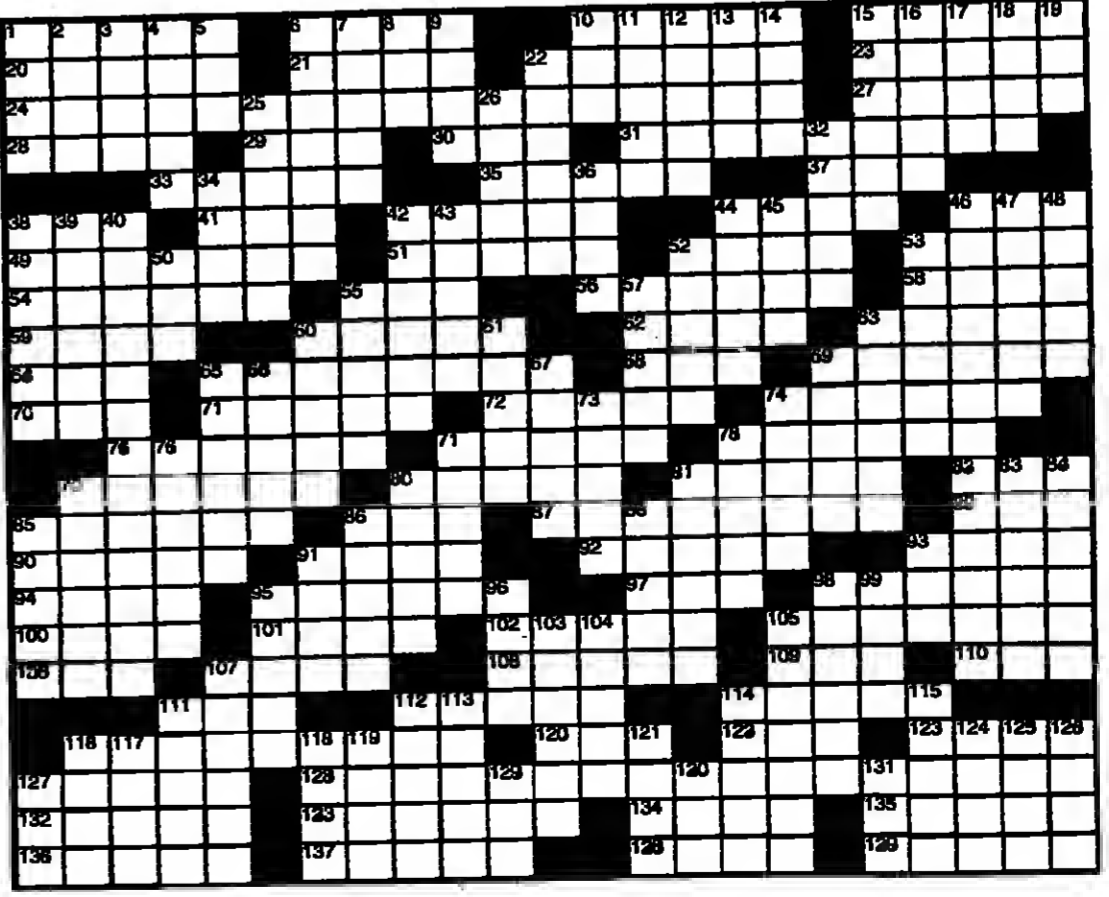
DUM DUM DIDDLEY DEE

A SOMETHIN' GREEN... SOMETHIN' GREEN... OH, OH... DARR!

The comic strip shows a character finding a four-leaf clover and being surprised. The character then goes to a 'Shamrock Ball' and is asked to pick them up at six. The character is wearing a green outfit and playing a musical instrument. The character then finds another four-leaf clover and is surprised again.

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Haller's "—22"
 - 6 Ship
 - 10 Zoo creature
 - 15 Not genuine
 - 20 Concur
 - 21 Fluffy fabric
 - 22 Antenna
 - 23 Die down
 - 24 Good times pal
 - 27 Type of orange
 - 28 Gaelic
 - 29 Map abbr.
 - 30 — de mer
 - 31 A mind like a —
 - 33 Philippine island
 - 35 Coffee-bar item
 - 37 Author Fleming
 - 38 Triangular sail
 - 41 — Tin Tin
 - 42 Preclude
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 - 58 Eve's guy
 - 59 Took care of the bills
 - 60 Biblical spy
 - 62 Fluid quantity
 - 63 — in campaign
 - 64 List under: abbr.
 - 65 Borderline
 - 66 Lodge
 - 68 Biblical strong man
 - 70 Soak fax
 - 71 Foreigner
 - 72 Mean
 - 74 Shooting star
 - 75 Took a break
 - 77 Outdoor area
- DOWN**
- 78 Saloon
 - 79 Misbehaved (turkey)
 - 80 Oregon capital
 - 81 Race participant
 - 82 "60 Minutes" network
 - 85 Past — of "Mad About You"
 - 86 Young man
 - 87 Kitchen herb
 - 89 Away from home
 - 90 Proprietor
 - 91 Spiced, blue milk
 - 92 Consumer advocate
 - 93 Raymond — ("Ferry Man")
 - 94 Forecast word
 - 95 Made up for
 - 97 Capric drama
 - 98 Emotional pang
 - 100 Sea eagle
 - 101 Actress Turner
 - 102 Pseudonym
 - 106 Railroad bridge
 - 108 Actress Flynn
 - 107 Feel sorry for
 - 108 Hair treat
 - 109 Aunt or uncle: abbr.
 - 110 So far
 - 111 Actor Morrow
 - 112 Russian river
 - 114 — Belt
 - 115 Practical
 - 120 Single: pref.
 - 122 High card
 - 123 Strange: pref.
 - 127 LaPone or LaBelle
 - 128 Gabe Kaplan
 - TV show
 - 132 Ancient Mexican
 - 133 Charm
 - 134 Object of worship
 - 135 Forest path
 - 136 Norman Vincent —
 - 137 Student noise
 - 138 Mental sound
 - 139 Count
- ACROSS**
- 88 Change
 - 89 Not now
 - 90 Separate
 - 91 "—" singer
 - 92 Of the cheeks
 - 93 Jewish ascetic
 - 94 San Diego player
 - 95 Stipendiary
 - 96 Post-workout treat
 - 97 Jellyfish
 - 98 Cornish or Galley
 - 99 Thoroughfare
 - 100 Composer Ned —
 - 101 Crazy
 - 102 — word
 - 103 FBI or EPA
 - 104 Again, in music
 - 105 Sicilian
 - 106 Actress Ariane —
 - 107 "Jeopardy!" host
 - 108 "Alec —"
 - 109 Word used with balanced or rounded
 - 110 Hip or bean
 - 111 Silly
 - 112 Small animal
 - 113 Law and order
 - 114 "Jeopardy!" host
 - 115 "Alec —"
 - 116 Badgerlike animal
 - 117 Country estate
 - 118 Hopper
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Debating the fundamental issues of homosexuality

BY ANDREW SULLIVAN

Andrew, it's not who you are. It is what you do!" Buchanan yelled across the table. We were engaged in a typically subtle "Crossfire" debate on same-gender marriage. I'd expected the explosion, but it nevertheless surprised me. Only minutes before, off the air, Buchanan had been cooing over my new haircut. But at least he could distinguish, like any good Jesuit, between the sinner and the sinner. It was when his mind drifted to thoughts of homosexual copulation that his mood violently swung.

OK, Pat, let's talk copulation. It isn't only me that has a problem here.

Buchanan's fundamental issue with "what homosexuals do" is that it's what he calls a "vice." Now, there's a clear meaning for a vice: It's something bad that a person freely chooses to do, like, say, steal. But Buchanan concedes that gay relations aren't quite like that; they are related to a deeper, "very powerful impulse," (his words) to commit them. So a homosexual is like a kleptomaniac who decides to steal. Kleptomania is itself an involuntary, blameless condition, hard to resist, but still repressible. Kleptomaniacs, in Buchanan's words, "have the capacity not to engage in those acts. They have free will."

So far, so persuasive. The question begged, of course, is why same-gender sexual acts are wrong in the first place. In the case of kleptomania, it's a no-brainer: someone else is injured directly by your actions; they're robbed. But in the case of homosexual acts, where two consenting adults are engaged in a private activity, it's not at all clear who the injured party is. Buchanan's concern with homosexual acts derives, of course, from the Roman Catholic Church. And the Church's teaching about homosexual sex is closely related to its teaching about the sinfulness of all sexual activity outside a loving, procreative Church marriage.

The sexual act, the Church affirms, must have two core elements: a "procreative" element, the willingness to be open to the creation of new life; and a "unitive" element, the intent to affirm a loving, faithful union. In this, the Church doesn't single out homosexuals for condemnation. The sin of gay sex is no more and no less sinful on these grounds than masturbation, extramarital sex, marital sex with contraception, heterosexual oral sex or, indeed, marital sex without love.

In some ways, of course, homosexual sex is less sinful. The heterosexual who chooses in marriage to use contraception, or who mastur-

bates, is turning away from a viable alternative: a unitive, procreative sexual life. The homosexual has no such option; she is denied, because of something she cannot change, a sexual act which is both unitive and procreative. If a lesbian had sexual relations with a man, she could be procreative but not unitive, because she couldn't fully love him. And if she had sex with another woman, she could be unitive in her emotions but, because of biology, not procreative. So the lesbian is trapped by the Church's teaching, excluded from a loving relationship for no fault of her own; and doomed to a loveless life as a result.

The Church urges compassion for such people (a teaching which, somewhere along the way, seems to have escaped Buchanan). But the Church's real compassion is reserved for another group of people, who, like homosexuals, are unable, through no fault of their own, to have unitive and procreative sex: infertile heterosexuals. The Church expresses its compassion not by excluding these couples from the sacrament of marriage, but by including them. Sterile couples are allowed to marry in church and to have sex; so are couples in which the wife is post-menopausal. It's understood that such people have no choice in the matter; they may indeed long to have unitive and procreative sex; and to have children. They are just tragically unable, as the Church sees it, to experience the joy of a procreative married life.

The question, of course, is: Why doesn't this apply to homosexuals? In official teaching, the Church has conceded (Buchanan hedges on this point) that some homosexuals "are definitively such because of some kind of innate instinct or a pathological constitution judged to be incurable." They may want, with all the will in the world, to have a unitive and procreative relationship; they can even intend to be straight. But they can't and they aren't. So why aren't they allowed to express their love as humanely as they possibly can, along with the infertile and the elderly?

The theologians' best answer to this is simply circular. Marriage, they assert, is by definition between a man and a woman. When pressed further, they venture: Well, sexual relations between two infertile heterosexuals could, by a miracle, yield a child. But, if it's a miracle you're counting on, why couldn't it happen to two gay people? Who is to put a limit on the power of God? Well, the Church counters, homosexuality isn't natural, it's an "objective disorder." But what is infertility if it isn't a disorder? The truth is, as the current doctrine now stands, the infertile are defined by love and

compassion, while homosexuals are defined by loneliness and sin. The Church has no good case why this should be so.

I harp on this issue of the infertile for one delicate reason: Patrick and Shelley Buchanan do not have kids. Why not? Generally, I wouldn't dream of bringing up such a question, but I am merely adhering to the same rules Buchanan has laid out for me. From the public absence of his children, as from the public statement of my homosexuality, I can infer certain things about Buchanan's "lifestyle." Either Buchanan is using contraception, in which case he is a hypocrite; or he or his wife is infertile, and he is, one assumes, engaging in non-procreative sex. Either way, I can see no good reason why his sexual life is any more sinful than mine.

Of course, by merely bringing up Buchanan's childlessness, I will be judged to have exceeded the bounds of legitimate debate. But why doesn't the same outrage attach to Buchanan for his fulminations against others whose inability to lead a procreative married life is equally involuntary? Of course, Buchanan goes even further: Because of what he infers about my private sexual life, he would celebrate discrimination against me and use the bully pulpit of a campaign to defame me. Why is it unthinkable that someone should apply the same standards to him?

I'll tell you why it's unthinkable. No one should be singled out and stigmatized for something he cannot change, especially if that something is already a source of pain and struggle. Indeed, I would regard anyone's inability to have children, if he wanted to, to be a sadness I should privately sympathize with and publicly say nothing about. Why, I wonder, cannot Buchanan express the same compassion and fairness for me?

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Campaigns have their own ups and downs

By MICHAEL LEWIS

Whatever else it is, the New Hampshire primary is a turning point in the relationship between politicians and journalists. From now on, journalists can no longer set themselves up in hotels in Iowa or New Hampshire and know that the candidates must appear sooner or later. Now they must attach themselves to a single candidate as he jets back and forth across the country, depending on him entirely for their food, their planes, their buses and their hotel rooms.

Together with about 60 other journalists, I take off from Manchester, N.H., in Par Buchanan's plane. It is just after midnight. Buchanan and his wife sit in the front row, backed by six rows of staffers and a new Secret Service detail. Two hours later, we land in Columbia, S.C., and set off for our hotels. Buchanan and his closest aides climb into cars and go in one direction; the rest of us walk down a long tarmac to a bus and go another. Only we don't. Immediately it becomes clear that, while the Buchanan camp had the foresight to rent a big plane, they have no clue what to do with the journalists inside. The young Buchananites on the ground in South Carolina cannot remember the name of the hotel in which they have reserved rooms, or whether they have reserved rooms at all. They argue who said what to whom until 2:30 a.m., and then, clearly desperate to announce something, announce this: although Par Buchanan will not leave Columbia until noon we must all be in our hotel lobby with our luggage at 5:30 sharp — that is, assuming we find a hotel.

"That's three hours from now!" someone shouts at the back of the bus.

Who would have thought that the rise of Buchanan would leave the American media longing for a strongman? The news that they will be lucky to get three hours in their hotel rooms leads the TV camera crews in the back of the bus to scream insults at the Buchanan aides in the front for the next five minutes. The next 20 minutes is more of the same: journalists screaming bloody murder while Buchanan aides argue amongst themselves, until at length a particularly loud network cameraman persuades the bus driver to roll. It's nearing 3 a.m. Somewhere in Columbia, S.C., Par Buchanan sleeps.

We drive for maybe 30 minutes to a motel on an Interstate highway. The man behind the desk has never heard of Par Buchanan. We climb back on the bus and drive for another 10 minutes to another motel. Again, no luck, except this time the motel has 12 empty rooms. You could see everyone at once thinking the same thing: Do I put my fate in the hands of Par Buchanan or do I go it alone? It's a turning point: The Buchanan aides have lost control of the press pack. The aggressive-aggressive journalists crowd around the front desk to secure a room; the passive-aggressive ones strike out across country.

It's 4 a.m.

I am one of the lucky ones — so I believe. By 4:30 a.m. I am safely inside my room at the Ramada Inn, secure that the Buchanan aides will fetch me in six hours. I am even pleased that the young Buchanan aide who promised to deliver my bags fails to do so, for it permits me to skip the 5:30 baggage call. For the next six hours, I rush to hit the deadline for an article which, among other things, details my genuine affection for the Buchanan aides. At 11 a.m., I wander back down to the lobby.

It is empty.

I remind myself that two Buchanan aides and one Secret Serviceman separately assured me six different times that they would collect me at 11:15. The deal could not have been more explicit. I had gone so far as to ask, rudely: "You aren't going to change this on me an hour from now, like you've changed everything else?" They promised that Par's plans were firm. Yet somehow between 4:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Par's plans changed. A few dozen phone calls and 30 minutes later I locate Par's hotel and discover why I feel so oddly alone: Par Buchanan has checked out. He's left South Carolina. He is on his way to North Dakota.

Just six hours earlier I had almost felt important. There I sat, a mere seven rows behind the winner of the New Hampshire primary, poised to write the first draft of history. Now I stand alone in a motel outside Columbia, S.C., in the same clothes I wore 48 hours ago, stinking so badly that I can smell myself. I am no stranger to logistical chaos. Twice I've checked out of my hotel room from airplanes (the maids dump your stuff in a trash bag). Three times I've returned rental cars by phoning the company and giving them directions to their abandoned vehicle. But this is new ground... standing on the median of an Interstate highway in a place I'd never been, never wanted to be, had no business whatsoever being. I envy the people whizzing past me at 60 miles an hour. At least they have a ride home.

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Color considerations

ON CAMERA
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THESE days, color is the norm, the almost exclusive medium of expression on television, in the cinema, in magazines and in newspapers. Likewise, color photography is the only photography most of us know.

Especially since the invention of a one-hour processing machine some 15 years ago, 35-mm. color photography has dominated the industry. In-shop processing is easy, fast, reliable and relatively inexpensive.

Yet how much thought do we give to color when we release the shutter? Are we aware of color? Are we thinking about color? Or do we simply take color for granted?

The human retina contains about 130 million light-sensitive cells. The cone cells are sensitive to color. Like the three layers of color film, there are three types of cone receptors — those responsive to red light, to green light and to blue light.

The eye, unlike color film, has a brain to back it up. The brain interprets color. To a certain extent, memory colors the sea blue and cherries red, even though the sea in front of us may be turquoise and the cherries almost black.

Film, in contrast, "sees" colors as they are, in addition to recording color that is invisible to the human eye. Color film records, for example, ultra-violet light in land and seascapes as a bluish haze and, without a flash, indoor tungsten lighting (an ordinary bulb) comes out as an orange hue that the eye does not perceive.

Taking color into consideration starts with the expressions "warm" and "cold." The warm colors are associated with fire, the sun and the summer. These are the upper part of the rainbow: red, magenta and yellow. Rich browns, beiges and copper colors are also warm.

Cold colors suggest the winter, ice and snow. They originate in the lower part of the spectrum: blue, cyan and green. Bleakness and emptiness characterize the cold colors.

Another important contrast is between "strong" and "weak" color. Strong colors are psychedelic in quality and dominate a picture. They are a wild array of meadow flowers or a flight of colorful hot-air balloons against a blue sky. Weak or muted colors are different shades of related hues (such as understated blues and greens, or subdued oranges and yellows).

Pictures of a misty lake early in the morning or a dusty farm scene late in the afternoon will have a monochromatic appearance rather than a tinted black-and-white image.



Contrasting the 'strong colors' of the child's sweater against the 'weak colors' of the background. (David Brauner)

The color of light also changes throughout the day. The earliest light at dawn is cool, flat (shadowless) and essentially blue. As the sun rises, colors become more apparent. Ordinary (daylight) color film is "balanced" for midday sunlight, rendering colors most accurately when the light itself is most "colorless." Toward late afternoon, the light warms up, casting an orange yellow glow over the world.

Often when the sun drops below the horizon, the phenomenon known as "bounce" will occur. The sky and clouds take on a pinkish, sometimes even violet tinge, both of which can produce superb shots.

Translating color considerations into your own photography begins with observation. Say you are taking family pictures of the children. Red hair and freckles dressed in warm reds would be an example of color harmony. Blonde hair and soft hazel eyes, wearing a loud green headscarf contrasts the colors of the face and the apparel.

In winter snow or summer beach pictures, any bright colors will sharply contrast with the plain, monochromatic backgrounds such scenes are likely to afford. Be sure

to pay attention to anything or anyone in the frame that might detract from the subject of your picture. Change your angle of view if necessary.

Even though most amateur pictures are documentary, that is, vacation scenes and family group shots, it still pays to remember your camera is shooting color.

Colorful places like zoos, fairs and sporting events will automatically improve your photography.

For the more enthusiastic, using inexpensive red and blue filters for black-and-white film can quickly change the way you and your camera look at the world of natural color. A red filter will enhance a desert sunset while a blue filter will ice up a wintry day.

A vast range of special-effects filters for color are also widely available. The Society for the Protection of Nature in Israel is sponsoring a one-day Nature Photography Convention featuring lectures, audio-visual presentations and films from some of the top names in Israeli nature, wildlife, underwater and aerial photography. Erez Yisrael Museum, Tel Aviv, Thursday, March 28. Call 03-638-8691 for details.

The fairy-tale life of Vladimir Horowitz

THERE AND THEN
SRAYA SHAPIRO

WHEN Vladimir Horowitz, a young, little-known pianist from Russia, landed in Paris in 1924, he was virtually penniless. "So he did what many Jews did. He got an introduction to the Baron de Rothschild and asked for a loan." After a few concerts Horowitz was able to repay it, which certainly surprised Rothschild.

The anecdote is reported by Harold C. Schonberg in *Horowitz: His Life and Music*, published by Simon & Schuster in the Touchstone Book series (430 pp.). The author, senior music critic of *The New York Times* for many years, served as a juror on many international piano competitions, including the Rubinstein in Tel Aviv.

The Horowitz household in Kiev at the turn of the century was full of music. Mama Horowitz, herself a concert pianist, taught music to all her four children. Papa Horowitz (or Gorovich, as the Russians pronounced it) made a good living from the wholesale electricity trade.

Vladimir — or Volodia, as his family and friends called him — was accepted by the state secondary school. This was a feat of sorts for there were restrictions on Jews. Vladimir did not excel in studies. He was glad about this because many of his fellow Jewish students were hated due to their outstanding achievements.

In Kiev's musical academy, Horowitz stubbornly fought his teachers. "From the beginning he was going to do things his own way," notes Schonberg. His model was Anton Rubinstein. "The idea was that you were supposed to know everything about your instrument, then everything in music — as much as you can learn, and then from your own personality," explained Horowitz.

Rubinstein was for Horowitz the embodiment of the "Russian style" to which he too adhered. Rubinstein was the grandson of a Berdichev-born Jewish scholar who converted to Christianity after he lost his fortune and moved with all his family to Moscow.

In his youth Horowitz refused to practice scales. "My mother ... thought I was never going to be a real pianist," he said. "I was collecting records of singers, never of pianists. I was interested in Battistini and Caruso, and on the piano I would try to imitate the singers. This is still true of me



Vladimir Horowitz in 1965; from the start of his music career, he chose to do things his own way.

today. The most important thing on the keyboard is color and singing."

Following the Russian Revolution, the Horowitzes were evicted from their apartment. Volodia traveled to Moscow and Petrograd. With a newly acquired friend, the violinist Nathan Milstein, he gave concerts to workers who showed no interest in music.

But he also gained a name among musicians. In 1924, the 20-year-old, acting on the advice of friends, but mainly to avoid being drafted into the army, obtained permission to go abroad, allegedly to complete his studies with the world-famous Artur Schnabel in Berlin. The trip was arranged by the impresario Alexander Merovitch.

THE STORY of Horowitz's career reads like a musical fairy tale. The greatest conductors of the era were impressed by him from the first few bars he played. Settling in the US, Horowitz soon enjoyed the fruits of wealth.

"In the United States I played private concerts at the houses of very rich people," he told Schonberg. "I played half-an-hour, everybody was drunk, and I got my \$5,000, over twice as much as for my concerts. Today that kind of thing has disappeared," he added regretfully.

He insisted on playing only his private Steinway. (In later years the instrument was sent to the White House for Horowitz's performance before president Carter. He forwent remuneration for this performance, but insisted on being paid for the radio rights.)

In 1933 Horowitz married Arturo Toscanini's daughter, Wanda. "Of course she had heard about his sexual tastes, but she thought she could reform him. She was much prouder of being the wife of Vladimir Horowitz than she was of being the daughter of Arturo Toscanini. The latter, she said and repeated many times in newspaper interviews, was merely an accident of birth," writes Schonberg. Wanda was a Catholic and it

was suggested that either she or Horowitz convert. But she was also strongly anticlerical, and a civil ceremony in Milan's city hall was arranged.

In April 1986, Horowitz visited Russia, some 61 years after he left it. His tour was publicized as the return of the great Russian pianist.

He stayed in Moscow at the residence of the American ambassador.

And he was accompanied by his Steinway, and a battery of American technicians sent to oversee the radio and TV broadcasts of his appearances in Moscow and Leningrad. As he had at the White House, he played gratis for the Russians, but insisted on his rights for broadcasts.

Horowitz always took care of himself, notes Schonberg.

"His diet was Spartan, he walked his mile or two each day, and shortly before his death he had a medical checkup at which he was assured that he was in fine shape." He died of heart failure on November 5, 1989.

A few important tips for the ant voyeur

KEEPING an ant farm or formicarium (or "formicarium" in Latin, as it is properly called), is not a popular hobby but for the people who have interested themselves in the subject it is a source of never-ending fascination.

It is especially appropriate to people who do not want a particularly active pet, who want to be free to go away for a few days without worrying and want a clean hobby with neither mess nor unpleasant odors. Although these formicaria are easy to keep sometimes one can run into certain problems, like the ones noted here.

One keeper from Ramat Gan asks: "What can I do to keep food and moist cotton balls that I give my ants for water from becoming moldy and possibly spoiling the farm?"

While there are some books with instructions for formicaria that advise moist cotton balls once a week, I do not like this system. A nice slice of apple or raw potato will do just as well and the ants will get all the moisture they need from this.

I also do not advise putting the moist foods into the formicarium but outside on the lid. Since the ants visit the lid of their home regularly they will find the water and the food if you place it there. And since the entire formicarium is, or should be, sitting in a shallow pan of water there is no chance that any ants will escape.

If you confine food and drink to the lid you can even have the pleasure of giving them a few drops of sweetened water on a piece of waxed paper. It is a marvelous sight to see a bunch of ants around the little pool.

HEADS 'N' TAILS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

And a reader from Beersbeba wants to know where to get ants to start his formicarium. The answer is to dig up an ant hill and take a bunch of ants and as many ant larvae as you can. The larvae look like little white grains of rice.

Another good source is flower pots. I have rarely seen an outdoor collection of potted plants in the garden or on a balcony that didn't have one well-established ant's nest in residence. In that case just remove the plant and gently transfer the entire pot contents to your ant-farm container.

And from Tel Aviv a student wants to know which variety of ants to take for the formicarium since, as he points out, they come in all sizes. As for choice, it is really a mat-

ter of your own preference. In my experience the very tiny brown ants are not a good choice since they are extremely hard to see without a magnifying glass and that robs you of a lot of the fun of watching.

On the other hand the big harvester ants are also not too satisfactory because they are so large that they simply need more space than you can usually provide in a formicarium.

In nature their pismires or

ant hills are very big and their underground tunnels extensive. So the best are medium-sized brownish or reddish ants. Easy to see but happy in limited surroundings.

In any case, the keeping of such a collection gives one an inside view of the workings of the ant hill, you'll see the workers bringing in food, taking out rubbish, tending the larvae and living their organized little lives right in your own space.

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Shooting for the big time

UConn's Sheffer may be the first Israeli to play in the NBA

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It is the twilight of Doron Sheffer's college career and the stars are twinkling above.

Sheffer's University of Connecticut Huskies (27-2) are poised to win the Big East Tournament and their 6-foot-5 floor leader is likely to be drafted by an NBA team in June.

The stars were also visible courtside at suburban Washington's US Air Arena last month. Los Angeles Lakers vice president Jerry West, Kevin McHale of the Minnesota Timberwolves and a host of other team executives had come to scout Sheffer, his fellow Huskies and the hometown Georgetown Hoyas during a rare 77-65 loss for UConn.

With the Big East tournament just concluded, Sheffer, 24, doesn't look too far ahead, even knowing he could be the first Israeli to play in the NBA.

"I'm trying right now to focus on the next practice, the next game, to be better, to succeed individually and with the team and not to think too much about the NBA. Later on, there will be enough time to think about it," he said.

UConn's success this year can be attributed to a core group of reliable players throughout: All-America guard-forward Ray Allen, shooting guard and now-point guard Sheffer and senior Travis Knight.

The Huskies' revolving door of stars is a vital component of any consistently successful college program. When forwards Donyell Marshall and Donny Marshall left for the NBA over the last two years, Allen emerged. Kevin Ollie graduated last year and Sheffer moved to the point. When Sheffer leaves this year, freshman guard Rickey Moore will enter the starting lineup.

"It's been an outstanding season. You can't ask for much more," Sheffer said. "I do believe we feel we have fulfilled our potential."

By the end of the Big East tournament, UConn hopes to finish high enough in the rankings so that it is a top seed in one of the four regional brackets "in order to have a relatively easy game at the beginning of the NCAA tournament," Sheffer said.

Last year's regional final loss to eventual champion UCLA certainly hurt but it helped focus the Huskies on "having another great year and moving on to the next level and making it to the Final Four this time," he said.

Sheffer was brilliant in that nail-biting 102-96 defeat, racking up a season-high 24 points.

"It was disappointing but I think we all felt that on that given night they played better and deserved to win," he said of the end to UConn's 28-5 season. "You know, the fact that we lost to the national champs, it made us feel better about ourselves. At least if we lost, we lost to the best team in the nation."

Sheffer himself is considered one of the top guards playing in the US heading into the NBA draft. Experts cite floor leadership and competitiveness as main selling points.

"I like him," said NBA scout Marty Blake. "People say he's not quick, but what's quick? Larry Bird wasn't quick. He was intelligent. After all, Sheffer turned down \$250,000 to play



LIVING IN AMERICA - Doron Sheffer was a major factor in the Huskies' outstanding 27-2 season.

with Maccabi Tel Aviv so he could come back to UConn. He's confident in his ability. He can see the floor, he's got intelligence. And that's rare in the NBA.

Asked whether he had come to the Georgetown game specifically to scout Sheffer, West, a Hall of Fame guard for the Lakers in the 1960s and '70s, said cautiously, "He's a very good player. I think there's a lot of interest in him. There are a lot of people here to see a lot of good players, and he would be one of them."

Executives like West are reluctant to comment about their team's interest in any player because of NBA restrictions against tampering with players before the draft.

But if they were at the Georgetown game or tuned in to the national ESPN telecast, they had to have liked what they saw. Sheffer was the only Huskie able to score consistently against the Hoyas' incessant pressure defense. Allen was invisible in the first half. Hoya forward Jerome Williams made himself a thorn in Knight's side every time he tried to inbound the ball after a Georgetown basket.

A Washingtonian familiar with pressure defense, national security adviser Anthony Lake, said he had come to the game especially

to see Sheffer play. "He's a wonderful player," Lake, a New Englander who pulls equally hard for Connecticut and the University of Massachusetts, said at halftime.

"I think there's sort of an aura of potential about him. The way he seems to know what he's doing, always seems to know when to go to Allen," he said.

Asked whether he thought Sheffer's life in Israel might have prepared him for handling tense situations, Lake laughed.

"God knows, if you live in Israel, you live under full-court pressure. But I don't think that's why he's a terrific basketball player. He's a terrific basketball player because he's Doron Sheffer and because Jim Calhoun is a terrific coach," said Lake.

In all, Sheffer called 23 points, including a scorching six of eight from three-point range. And he did it while matched up against the player he calls the best guard he's competed against, Georgetown's wondrous speedy Allen Iverson, who scored 26 points.

Georgetown coach John Thompson said afterwards that the way Sheffer comports himself on the court makes him "proud to be a coach. I think a lot of him. He's excellent because his judgment is so good. He takes the shot,

he picks his spaces." Sheffer is assuming more of a leadership role, one which he says he wears well. He is trying to nurture Moore, just as Hapoel Jerusalem, point guard, Adi Gordon-assisted, an 18-year-old Sheffer when the latter joined Israel's first division.

Sheffer said he is trying "especially to help and to guide the freshmen" like Moore and Rashamel Jones "to get better and fit into the team. And I feel comfortable with that role and I'm satisfied with what I'm doing so far. So I do feel in a sense that I'm helping and taking more responsibility on and off the court this year."

After playing mostly at off-guard his first two years, Sheffer is starting at the point this year, where he can "control the game" and "show my qualities as much as I can."

It is at that position that he sees himself in the pros. Like the NBA players he patterns his game after: Utah's John Stockton and Dallas's Jason Kidd.

Blake says that it will be up to pro coaches to decide whether Sheffer is better fit to play point or off guard, but that he would recommend the former.

"Point guards are born, not made," he says.

Knicks and Nelson not a winning combination

NEW YORK (AP) - After a month of movie-making in South America, Spike Lee was back in his court-side seat at Madison Square Garden to get a firsthand look at the New York Knicks.

"I felt worse watching that game than I did at the end of Game 7 against the Pacers last year," Lee said. The Knicks of March 1996 are light-years different from the Knicks of February 1996. They don't rebound anymore, they don't play rough, they don't dive on the floor, they don't play defense, they don't like their coach.

Most of all, they don't win. A real debacle was the 105-88 loss Tuesday night to the Los Angeles Clippers, the perennial Western Conference doormats who are floundering at the bottom of the Pacific Division again this season.

"This was the worst loss of the season, the bottom of the barrel. Things look pretty dismal right now," Patrick Ewing said. "It's embarrassing and demoralizing. The Clippers?"

Yes, the Clippers. The loss was a new low for an aging team that was expected to have one more shot at the Eastern Conference title.

Instead, it looks like Charles Barkley's prophecy - "The only way 'y'all are going to the second round of the playoffs is if 'y'all have ockers'" - may come true.

The Knicks aren't getting along with their new coach Don Nelson, and the discord has intensified in the three weeks since power forward Charles Oakley went down with a broken thumb and two trades added four new faces.

John Starks, who lost his starting job to Hubert

Davis last week during a 0-4 West Coast trip, has had the most high-profile feud with Nelson.

"He's angry and he hasn't accepted the coaches' decision," Nelson said. "It wasn't an easy decision, but it was the right decision. I have no feud. John has a feud and it's real."

Players and fans alike have questioned some of Nelson's gimmicky moves, such as benching Derek Harper in favor of Charlie Ward in the fourth quarter of several recent losses and running the low-post offense through Anthony Mason rather than Ewing.

"The key for us has always been defense, and that leads to a lot of scoring. Now, we can't score or play defense," Ewing said.

Lately, the most glaring deficiency has been rebounding. The Knicks had only five offensive rebounds and converted just two of them into baskets against the Clippers. It's a trend that has highlighted how much the Knicks miss Oakley.

Newly acquired Brad Lohaus, J.R. Reid and Willie Anderson have been splitting his minutes, but all three are weak rebounders who spend most of their time on the perimeter.

"This Knicks team is older and there is no Charles Oakley. They're just not the same team," Clippers coach Bill Fitch said. "But when these guys heal up, they are still a very tough team. I wouldn't count them out if I were you."

As far as the fans are concerned, it may be too late for that. They have been known to boo Nelson pregame introductions.

"It's the first time we've been this low in a long time," Ewing said.

Johnson: 'Yes' to Jordan, 'no' to 'Dream Team'

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan finishing their careers together? Johnson reunited in Miami with his former coach Pat Riley? Johnson back home in Michigan, playing for the Pistons?

Almost all things are possible, Johnson indicated in a far-ranging telephone conference.

The Los Angeles Lakers' star, making a comeback to the National Basketball Association after 4 1/2 years of retirement, was most enthusiastic when asked if he'd like to team with Jordan. Both will be free agents after this season.

"It would be a blast to do that," Johnson said. "Making it our last contract, going into the sunset after that."

"Our agents talk more than we do during the season," Johnson said, adding that he and Jordan had talked about "someday being teammates" when they played pickup games in the summer during Johnson's retirement.

Asked about reports he might like to play for Riley's Miami Heat, Johnson said: "I want to stay in L.A. and I want to be here. If that doesn't happen for some reason, I'll talk to Pat, or to Detroit, and we'll go on from there."

Johnson, who played with Jordan on the US Olympic "Dream Team" in 1992, said he doesn't want to play in the Olympics this summer in Atlanta.

There are still two openings on the US basketball team, and Johnson recommended Seattle's Shawn Kemp for one of them.

"I think Shawn Kemp really deserves to be on it," Johnson said. "I think he's improved every season. I think he's matured. We already know he's a great basketball player. Now he's become a leader."

Johnson said Sacramento's Mitch Richmond, Seattle's Gary Payton and Dallas's Jason Kidd also should receive strong consideration.



STUFF OF DREAMS - Magic Johnson, seen here wearing the American flag after the US won the 1992 Olympic basketball finals, says he doesn't want to be on the next 'Dream Team.' (AP)

Johnson, who left the NBA after contracting the virus that causes AIDS, said his return to the league has been better than expected. "Being out 4 1/2 years, I've prob-

ably surpassed what I thought," he said. "I look forward to being back next season with a whole summer of playing basketball and training camp as well."

Kinder, gentler Tyson looking to knock out Bruno

NEW YORK (Reuter) If anything can be learned from a tiny snapshot of someone, then there is a kinder, gentler Mike Tyson hoping to spread the word of love with a little time off to knock out Frank Bruno in 11 days.

Tyson emerged from the cocoon his handlers have wrapped in for much of the time since his release from prison last March to talk with reporters in a conference call from Las Vegas, where he is preparing to fight Bruno for the World Boxing Council heavyweight title this Saturday.

He was at his respectful best during the call and did not even seem fazed when one apparent representative of the wacky world of talk radio asked a particularly bizarre and senseless question, which Tyson chose to ignore.

The old Tyson may very well have jumped in with an expletive-laden verbal beating, not just of that deserving caller, but of anyone with even the most benign question.

"I would have made some statement that would not have been dignified, but that was the old Mike Tyson," said the former champion.

To one caller who said it was a pleasure to speak with the fighter, the new Tyson responded: "It's my pleasure as well."

Of course, Tyson's metamorphosis has not been without its glitches. But for the most part, since his release after three years in prison on a rape conviction, the public view has been of a tem-

pered Tyson. Tyson, who easily won both his fights since returning to the ring, said he meant no disrespect when he said that the main difference he has noticed between the Bruno he stopped in the fifth round in 1989 and Bruno today is that the Briton "runs more. He holds more and he hits behind the head."

Tyson said people focus too much on Bruno's punch in the first round of their 1989 fight that stunned him. "I just remember overwhelming him pretty much ... he hit me with a punch because I was careless," Tyson remembered. "I take a good punch."

Another reason for getting caught by Bruno, said Tyson, was that he was felt burned out by his career.

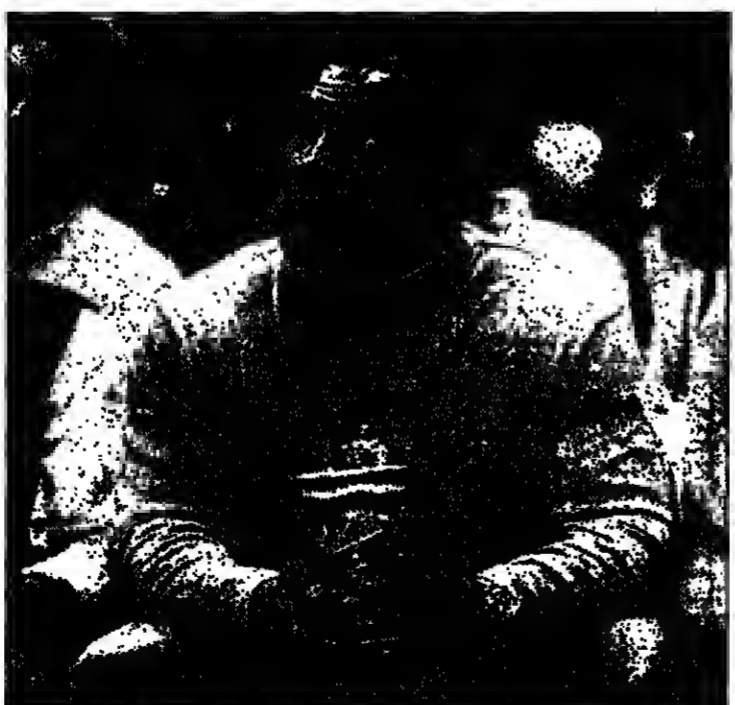
"I wasn't ever away from the stresses and pressures I was dealing with. It was just kind of catching up with me," Tyson said.

Tyson, now 29, believes those pressures finally led to James "Buster" Douglas being able to knock him out in the 10th round in Tokyo in 1990 to take his titles.

"Now, I'm more of a mature and together individual. And praise to God I'll be able to deal with it," Tyson said of the pressures at the top of heavyweight boxing.

His Moslem faith will help him, Tyson said, because "it gives me a whole broader perspective on humanity and a perspective on myself."

Tyson added that he wants to "conduct myself in a way God



MR. CONGENIALITY - Since his release from prison, the public view has been of a tempered Tyson.

would appreciate." In the more temporal world, Tyson's handlers said he regularly has been sparring 7-8 rounds with a variety of partners, including one who is 6'6" and 280 pounds, to get ready for Bruno, who has said he could weigh as much as 260 pounds, some 20 pounds more than he was in 1989. Tyson is expected to weigh around his usual 220 pounds.

Of Bruno, Tyson says, "what-

ever he does I'm ready for," adding that he intends to knock out Bruno (40-4).

Promoter Don King said Tyson (43-11) will attempt to regain the three main heavyweight titles before fighting anyone else.

That Tyson still thinks of himself as the champion was evident when he said of the bout with the 34-year-old Bruno that, "I'm just looking forward to being successful in my defense."

Friedman wins ASA tourney

AFTER being dogged for several days by difficult wind conditions the 11th International ASA (Academic Sporting Association) Boardsailing Championship came to an exciting climax in Eilat yesterday.

In the blue riband event of the tournament the Mistral, Israel's Gal Friedman demonstrated both purpose and skill to lift himself from ninth position to end the tournament in second place. The 20 year-old soldier, ranked tenth at the last World Championships held in South Africa last December, finished second in the fifth race of the Mistral class, and then came first in the sixth and final race.

Friedman, the tournament's champion the previous two years, lost his crown to French racer Claude Mezulla who crossed the finishing line first in all four Mistral races run earlier last week.

Mezulla's victory comes as little surprise; having registered 7th position in South Africa, he was the highest ranked participant in the Mistral, and is also current European champion in the Raceboard class. Another Frenchman, Thierry Renault took third place, while Fiji's Tony Philip (9th in the last World Championships) ended in fourth.

Friedman will be pleased by his overall performance in Eilat. Against strong opposition he has proved his capabilities once again and his attempt to beat fellow Israeli Amit Inbar (ranked 6th at the World Championship in South

Derek Fattal

Africa) at the forthcoming World Championship series in Haifa is likely to be a knife-edge affair. The winner of this duel will represent Israel at the Atlanta Olympic Games.

Australian racer Natasha Sturges (7th in the last World Championships), making her first appearance in Israel, held off a brave challenge from Israel's Michal Hein to take the women's title in the Mistral.

Spain's Juan Munoz was the champion in the Heavy Raceboard class, ahead of Remco Ozen of the Netherlands. Another Spaniard, Augusto Garcia (ranked 4th in the last World Championships) took third place.

In the Light Raceboard class championship honors went to Poland's Pawel Dasiewicz, followed by Patrick Poiriez of France and Ukrainian Sergei Sablin.

Poland's women took a clean sweep of the honors in the female Raceboard. World Champion Dorota Staszewska took the championship title, with Agata Pokorowska and Marzena Okonska following.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post at the ASA Championship, Israel National team coach Gur Steinberg spoke of his preference for his young protege Friedman to take the Atlanta slot.

"If Gal gets the ticket the experience will be spread amongst his fellow representatives in the

National squad," Steinberg said, in an oblique reference to Inbar's preference to conduct his training regime independently from the national framework.

Steinberg nevertheless paid full tribute to Inbar's record and the fact that he has already tasted Olympic competition at the Barcelona Games. Steinberg feels that both men are capable of coming within the top six places in Atlanta.

While praising the organization and backing for the sport at National squad level, Steinberg said that generally poor results by local competitors at these ASA Championships demonstrated that there are simply not enough good quality racers emerging in Israel, and called for more resources to be put in at the sport's lower echelons.

In terms of up and coming talent Steinberg singled out Michal Hein for special mention.

Other ASA Championship Results: Mistral: Morten Egeblad (Denmark) (Student men); Elena Drawolek, France (Student women); Shahi Terem (High School boys); Miri Ram (High School girls).

Raceboard: Tal Masiro (High School boys); Anat Claudini (High School girls); Aloah: Ran Leshed (Student men); Meyra Steinberg (Student women).

Funboard: Avi Shai (Men); Yossi Sullman (Student men); Idit Kan (Student women); Yaniv Raz (High School); Matri Friedman (Senior).

مکانم الاصل

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SPORTS

Sri Lanka crushes England

Defending champion Pakistan falls to India... FAISALABAD, Pakistan (Reuters) - Sri Lanka opener Sanath Jayasuriya played one of the outstanding innings in World Cup history yesterday as his side destroyed England to reach the semifinals for the first time.

flourish, there was little else for England to cheer... India-Pakistan... Defending champions Pakistan saw their World Cup dreams disintegrate as co-hosts India secured an extraordinary 39-run victory.

UConn, Georgetown battle for Big East crown

NEW YORK (AP) - Connecticut and Georgetown came up with big wins on Friday night, which set up a rematch of the top seeds in the Big East final, played last night in Madison Square Garden.

Betar Jerusalem closing gap

BETAR Jerusalem gained ground on leaders Maccabi Tel Aviv after this weekend's round of National League matches... ORI LEWIS

Philadelphia upsets New York 100-92

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - The Philadelphia 76ers stunned the New York Knicks 100-92 Friday night to spoil the head coaching debut of Jeff Van Gundy.

Jordan scores 53, both Magics hit milestones... The Magic equaled the NBA record of 38 straight home victories the Boston Celtics compiled from December 1985 to November 1986.

Barcelona overpowers Ulker in Game 1 of European hoops quarter-finals

BARCELONA took a giant step toward advancing to another Final Four with an impressive 105-77 victory over hosts Ulker Istanbul in Game 1 of the best-of-three quarter-finals in the European Club Basketball Championships over the weekend.

Brian Freeman... Pau-Orthez 78, CSKA Moscow 65... Underdogs Pau-Orthez, which won a spot in the quarterfinals on the last day of the final pool with an 8-6 mark, upset the visiting Russians, who won Group A with a 10-4 record.

Wimbledon forces replay with Chelsea

LONDON (Reuters) - Substitute Dean Holdsworth headed a late equalizer for Wimbledon to cancel out Ruud Geul's free kick a minute earlier and force a replay with Chelsea after a 2-2 draw in their English FA Cup quarter-final yesterday.

NATIONAL LEAGUE - After 21 rounds... Mac. Tel Aviv 18 3 2 43 14 51... Bet. Jerusalem 14 6 1 48 19 48

SCOREBOARD

Table with columns for THURSDAY'S NHL RESULTS, FRIDAY'S NHL RESULTS, PREMIER LEAGUE, and SECOND DIVISION. Lists teams, scores, and game details.

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FA Cup (fifth-round, replay): Tottenham vs. Nottingham Forest... PREMIER LEAGUE: Aston Villa 4, Queens Park Rangers 2... SECOND DIVISION: Blackpool 2, Notts County 0...

Dow drops 3% FTSE Index falls

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - In the often-perversive ways of the financial markets, stocks and bonds plummeted Friday after the US government announced the brightest jobs rebound in 13 years.

The widely followed Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 200 points to below 5,445 in late afternoon trading before paring its losses, ending down 171.24 points, or 3.04 percent, at 5,470.45.

What gives on NYSE?

WALL STREET WEEK

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors heard Friday that the economy may be booming, but the stock market plunged. What gives?

A look behind the numbers reveals a strong case that even Friday's three-percent drop in the Dow Jones industrial average embodies the perverse logic that prevails on Wall Street.

First, a review of what happened. Before the stock market opened Friday, the Labor Department reported that American businesses added an astounding 705,000 jobs in February, more than twice what economists had expected and the highest monthly increase since 1983.

The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 5.5% from 5.8%, also a dramatic improvement.

Investors, far from declaring happy days for the American economy, launched a furious sell-off. The price of the 30-year benchmark Treasury bond dropped more than three points, or by nearly \$31 for each \$1,000 in face value.

In yield, which rises when prices fall, jumped to 6.72% from 6.46% late Thursday.

Alarmed by the jump in interest rates, traders headed for the exits. They sold cyclical and consumer shares, financial and technology issues, blue-chip stocks, and small, little-known issues.

The Dow industrials plunged 217 points Friday afternoon before paring its losses, ending down 171.24 points, or 3.04 percent, at 5,470.45. The Dow index lost 66.11 for the week. Broad-market indexes took similar hits.

Analysts and pundits moved quickly to try to ease the pain and squelch the notion that Friday's action marked the end of one of the greatest bull markets of the century.

"If you look at the actual level of the stock market, it's not exactly that depressed," Richard Hoey, chief economist at Dreyfus Corp., said Friday afternoon. "Let's have a little sense of perspective here."

LONDON (Reuters) - UK shares eoded sharply down but well above the day's lows as US data spiked hopes for interest rate cuts and sent financial markets tumbling.

US Treasuries plunged after the numbers, which showed the largest rise in non-farm payrolls since September 1983, took the market unawares and sent bonds and shares spiraling lower.

The FTSE 100 closed 47.9 points down at 3,710.3, after clawing back losses which had taken it as low as 3,686.2 in mid-afternoon. There was a loss over the week of 42.4.

TOKYO - Stocks closed higher as the Nikkei recovered to the 20,000 level. Concern over the parliamentary budget impasse hung over the market, but it was supported by buying on dips.

HONG KONG - Stocks closed a day of wary, directionless trading slightly firmer as China-Taiwan tensions sapped trading interest, players said.

The blue-chip Hang Seng index gained 23.31 points to 11,217.79 a gain of 22.85 from last Friday's close.

SYDNEY - The share market ended fractionally lower, barely changed from its midsession levels with most of the majors hovering around par all day. The all ordinaries index closed 1.6 points lower at 2,267.6 a loss of 45.4 from last week.

The dollar hit highs against the German mark and the Japanese yen not seen since last month, but retreated to less modest gains as the stock and bond markets took late afternoon dives.

By the close in New York, the dollar was quoted at 105.72 yen, up from 105.25 yen late Thursday. The dollar was changing hands at 1.4840 marks, up from 1.4763 marks.

The British pound was quoted at \$1.5235, down from \$1.5295.

Dollar up on jobs data CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - While the US stock and bond markets plunged Friday, the dollar zoomed in the opposite direction for the same reason: Rising employment means less of a chance for interest rate cuts.

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ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Table with 4 columns: Currency (US dollar, Pound sterling, German mark, Swiss franc, Yen), 3 MONTHS, 6 MONTHS, 12 MONTHS.

Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates (7.3.96)

Table with 4 columns: Currency (US dollar, German mark, French franc, Japanese yen, etc.), Buy, Sell, Banknotes, Rep. Rates.

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table listing international stock prices for various companies like Alcoa, Amgen, Amstar, etc., with columns for Name, Price, and Change.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Flexible

Table of flexible mutual funds with columns: Fund's name, Unit cost, Redemption price, Monthly yield (%), Yields to MMS assets (%).

Shares

Table of mutual fund shares with columns: Fund's name, Unit cost, Redemption price, Monthly yield (%), Yields to MMS assets (%).

State Bonds

Table of state bonds with columns: Bond name, Price, Yield, etc.

Company Bonds

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Foreign Currency

Table of foreign currency exchange rates for various countries like Africa, Asia, Europe, etc.

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Key Representative Rates table showing US dollar, Sterling, and Mark rates.

INFLATION MARKETS table showing various market indices.

New York market indexes table showing DJ Industrial, DJ Transport, etc.

NYSE stocks table showing various stock prices.

Other stock market indexes table showing FTSE 100, Tokyo Nikkei, etc.

Israeli stocks in NY table showing NYSE/AMEX, Amgen, etc.

NASDAQ/over-the-counter table showing various OTC stock prices.

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WHAT'S ON

CRITIC'S CHOICE

CINEMATHEQUE

HELEN KAYE

BELGIAN films, such as *Farinelli*, have been making it big lately and now there's a whole festival of both Flemish and French-language Belgian movies at the Tel Aviv Cinematheque...

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

CHEE-Yun plays Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra under music director Stanley Sperber...



Chee-Yun solos with the Haifa Symphony Orchestra in its home auditorium.

at times like these? What might seem callous to some, could prove therapeutic to others, who need to escape from it all to avoid feeling overwhelmed.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

HEAT - Al Pacino and Robert De Niro, the Zeus and Poseidon of contemporary American film realism, share just two scenes in Michael Mann's film...

TELEVISION

RUTH KERN

WE could all use a good laugh. Assuming there isn't yet another atrocity which jolts programmers into eliminating comedy from the normal Super Sunday lineup...

TELEVISION

CHANNEL 1: 6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel... CHANNEL 2: 13:00 Gini and the Captain...

CABLE

FAMILY CHANNEL (3): 8:00 Falcon Crest (pt) 9:00 One Life to Live (pt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless... MOVIE CHANNEL (4): 10:30 Vanished Without a Trace...

JORDAN TV

14:00 The Flintstones 14:30 Disney's Aladdin 15:00 Mac and Maltie 15:25

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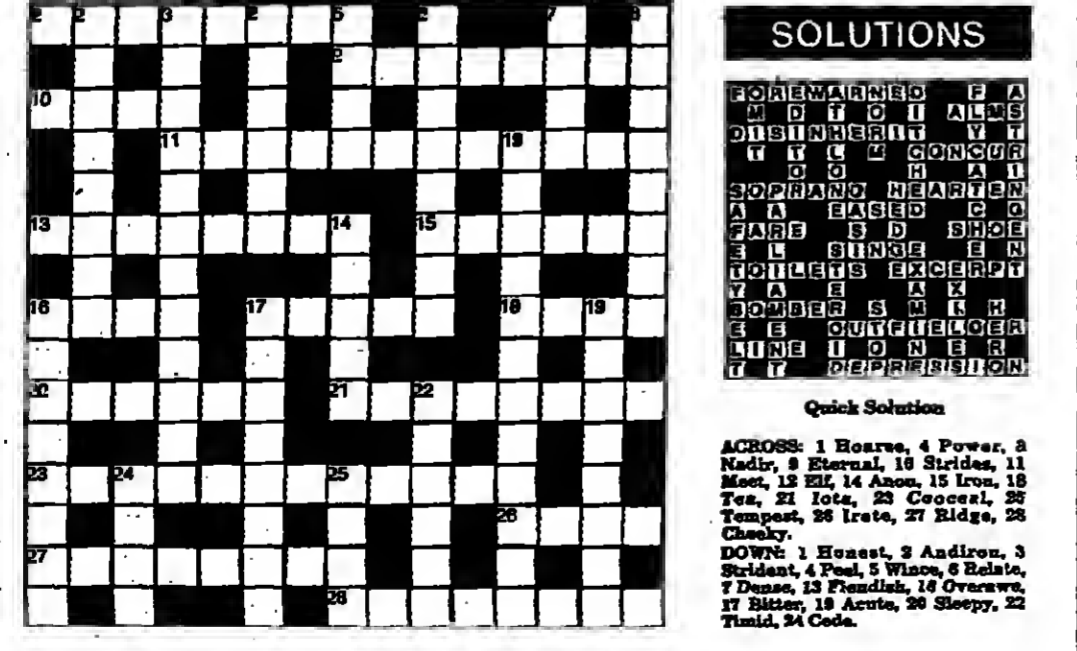
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MOVIE CHANNEL (4) 10:30 Vanished Without a Trace (1962) - three bored youths decide to conquer the perfect crime. With Karl Malden (89 mins.) (pt) 12:15 The Captive Heart (1946, British) - WWII drama about British POWs. Starring Michael Redgrave and Mervyn Johns. (96 mins.) 13:40 Whose Line Is It Anyway? 14:10 The Country Girls (1993, British) - based on Agatha Christie's novel about the coming of age of two young English girls. With Sam Neill. (102 mins.) 16:00 The Comandante (1964, French) - comedy (pt) 17:50 Long Day's Home (1991) - adaptation of Ronald B. Tyler's novel about the great migration to the West Coast during the 1930s. 18:25 Hearts on Fire (1991) - Lesley Ann Warren and Tom Stentner star in this drama about a dying woman who discovers her husband is having an affair with her dearest friend. (89 mins.) 21:00 Body Language (1992) - Heather Graham stars in this drama (88 mins.) 22:45 Midnight Child (1992) - psychological thriller about a wealthy family whose life becomes a nightmare when they take in a Swedish child. With Mandy Patinkin. (85 mins.) 00:25 The Death Merchants (1991) - when an important member of a drug ring is murdered, the leader sends an assassin to take the culprit. With Tom Mason 2:05 Escape From Terror: The Teresa Stanger Story (1994) (pt)

CHILDREN (6) 6:30 Cartoons 8:00 Surprise Garden 8:30 Sandokan 9:00 Magic Bus 9:40 Sweet Valley High 10:10 Beverly Hills 10:20 10:15 Cliffs 11:40 Magic Hour 12:00 Family Ties 12:30 Snowy 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:35 Lizzy Bee 14:00 White Fang 14:35 Encyclopedia 15:00 The Heart 15:00 Animalias 16:00 Animalias 16:15 Free Willy 16:55 Gatts: International Children's Olympics 17:35 Saved by

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